TYRE (R) — Israeli troops clashed with Palestinian commandos in South Lebanon Monday after intercepting an attempt to infiltrate across the border, an Israeli-backed militia's radio station said. The Yoice of Hope station, run by the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, said one commando was killed in the clash in the footballs of the Jabal Al Sheikh gange inside Israel's self-declared "security zone." One Palestinian was killed and "the remaining members of the squad fled," said the station, inonitored in Tyre. It gave no further details. On Sunday Israeli troops killed another commando and wounded a Lebanese fighter trying to infiltrate the "security zone," security sources said. Troops backed by helicopter gunships chased the six-man unit of the Lebanese National Resistance — a coalition of pro-Syrian Lebanese and Palestinian fighters — as they neared the village of Shebaa, west of Mount Hermon, they said. The gunships dropped flares and raked the area with machinegun fire. The body of the commando of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) was left inside the buffer zone.

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### Ureigat returns

Rashid Ureigat returned home from Tunis Monday after attending emergency meetings of the Executive Committee of the Council of Arab Social Development Ministers. The minister said the meetings discussed the

### Woman E Kuwait to pay family debts of slain hostages

KUWAIT (R) - Kuwait's emir has ordered the government to settle all debts owed by the families of the two hostages killed by bijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner. the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported Monday. It said an emergency cabinet meeting reviewed the latest developments in talks to free an estimated 31 hostages still on the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 in Algiers. The emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, ordered cancellation of debts to state agencies and settlement of private debts owed by the families of the two Kuwaitis killed in Cyprus. The government would also continue to pay the salaries of the dead men to their families, KUNA said.

### Turkish forces battle rebels

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DIYARBAKIR, Turkey (R) -Turkey rushed reinforcements Monday to an area near the Iraqi frontier where security forces were fighting about 75 separatist Kurdish rebels, official sources said. The battle with rebels of the Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) erupted around noon and was continuing seven hours later, they said. At least six Turkish soldiers were injured. Puma helicopters and squads trained in anti-guerrilla warfare had been sent to the scene near Derelet village in the southeastern province of Siirt. the sources said. It was the biggest battle reported since the rebels, seeking autonomy for Turkey's estimated eight million Kurds, resumed attacks in the rugged southeast in March after a barsh winter.

### Ethiopia allows U.N. relief work

ADDIS ABABA (R) — U.N. relief officials can carry on working in Ethiopia's war-torn northern provinces despite the expulsion of other foreign aid workers from the region; a government official said Monday. "The government statement requesting the withdrawal of foreign aid workers did not include United Nations staff," Berhanu Jembere, head of the government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC). told Reuters in an interview: Ethiopia's government ordered an estimated 40 to 60 foreign relief workers to leave Eritrea and Tigray April 6 for their own safety in view of increased rebel activity in the two provinces. Berhanu's remarks followed a meeting Saturday between U.N. special envoy Marti Athisaari and President Mengistu Haile Mariam.

### Greece to press for Elgin marbles

ATHENS (R) - Culture Minister Melina Mercouri said Monday Greece was launching a new strategy to reclaim the Elgin marbles, ancient sculptures from the Acropolis in Athens, from the British museum in London by .1996. The aim of the new strategy is to build a new museum for the marbles at their original home, to counter arguments that if returned they would be ruined by Athens' severe pollution. Politicians, archaeologists and others from England who oppose the return of the marbles will then be invited to "come and see the reality." Mercouri told journalists. "We want the parts that are in the British museum, that are dead like stones, here where they belong," she added. Mercouni said she hoped that her five-year campaign for the marbles' return would be realised by 1996 to coincide with the Olympic Games, which Greece has bid to host for that year." It is the goal of my life," she said.

# AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureigat returned home Traq returned home Track Track Technology (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureigat returned home Track Technology (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureigat returned home Track Trac purges Iranians Palestinian uprising and other issues. The next regular session of the council will be held in Sudan, he said. If the meetings discussed the Palestinian uprising and other issues. The next regular session of the council will be held in Sudan, he said.

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraq said its forces Monday retook the town of Fao near the tip Iraqi peninsula that had been of the captured by Iran more than two years ago.

"Victorious Iraqi armed forces entered Fao today and hoisted the Iraqi flag," the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported in an urgent dispatch.

A war communique read over Baghdad Television said Iranian occupying forces were driving out of the peninsula, over to the other side of the Shatt Al Arab waterway which borders the

It was the first time Iraq had taken the initiative in a major offensive since the early years of the Gulf war.

The communique told Iraqis: "Your sons have entered the dear town of Fao, liberating its soil from the filth of the invaders." An Iraqi official said thousands of Iranian soldiers and Revolutionary Guards had been killed.

wounded or captured in the Fao

offensive. "Our forces have destroyed the last Iranian defensive perimeter

at Fao and they are now engaged in purging the last enemy pockets...," the official told Reuters in Baghdad shortly before the INA communique was issued.

Tehran Radio quoted a supreme defence council statement as saying: "In direct, open and practical support for the Iraqi regime, American forces have entered the war.'

It said U.S. helicopters attacked Iranian troops in southern Iraq "several times" Sunday, while the Iragi offensive to recapture the Fao peninsula was in prog-

There was no immediate reaction to the allegation from Washington.

Iran also said Sunday heavy fighting was continuing on the peninsula, which Revolutionary Guards occupied after an assault across the border Shatt Al Arab waterway in February 1986. Diplomats in Baghdad said

Iran had more than 50,000 troops on the southern part of the peninsula, 90 kilometres south of the port of Basra.

An Iraqi high command communique said troops of the Presidential Guards and the Seventh Army Corps had wiped out all Iranian forces on the peninsula except for a few isolated groups.

The communique said the first two objectives of the surprise offensive had been reached and a final target remained. It did not elaborate.

An earlier Iraqi communique said the Iraqis had retaken a large salt pan which formed a natural barrier against armour moving towards the terminal at the tip of the peninsula. The land between the salt pan and

the terminal, however, is hard and suitable for tanks and other armoured One diplomat in Baghdad said Iraq

might have ferried its armour along the Khawr 'Abd Allah channel for the final assault. Iraq had said its forces had recaptured the bank of the channel in the first hours of the offensive. Kuwait's Bubiyan Island lies on the western side of the narrow channel, which leads to Iraq's only naval base at Umm Oasr.

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President Saddam Hussein



HM King Hussein

# King congratulates Iraq

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein Monday contacted Iraqi President Saddam Hussein over the phone and congratulated him on Iraq's recapture of the Fao peninsula. The King congratulated President Hussein and the Iraqi armed forces and people and hailed the Iraqi advance as an honourable victory. The Iraqi president expressed deep appreciation of and pride in the King's support for Iraq and Arab causes.

# Crown Prince, Singapore leaders discuss cooperation

SINGAPORE (Petra) — Official Jordanian-Singaporean talks began here Monday co-chaired by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and by Singapore's acting prime minister.

The talks dealt with issues of common concern to both countries as well as means of boosting bilateral relations in various fields. The talks were attended by members of the Jordanian delegation

accompanying the Crown Prince and senior Singaporean officials. Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath also paid a courtesy visit to Singaporean President Wee Kim Wee and his wife at the presidential palace. Their Highnesses and the accompanying delegation arrived here

earlier Monday on a two-day official visit. Prince Hassan and the accompanying delegation visited Singa-

pore's main port and a housing development corporation. President Wee and his wife hosted an iftar banquet Monday evening in honour of Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath.

Strikes, curfews paralyse occupied territories; press access denied

# Israeli soldiers kill 3 more Arabs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Palestinian strikes and Israeli imposed curfews combined to paralyse the occupied West Bank and Gaza Monday and hospital officials said troops killed three Palestinians, including a woman a witness said was trying to take her children home from a protest.

Israel sent closure orders to lerusalem's only English-language magazine owned by Palestinians. Its managing editor denied the allegations.

In the West Bank, black flags of mourning were strung from buildings and hundreds of Palesti-

few for a second day. Abu Jihad was gunned down by assassins Saturday at his home in a Tunis suburb. His death sparked a day of protests in which

Nablus resident.

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nians paid condolence calls to the

Nablus home of assassinated

Khalil Al Wazir's (Abu Jihad)

cousin, who sat in three days of

mourning, said Adnan Zahran, a

Zahran, a 30-year-old engineer,

told the AP in a telephone inter-

view from the West Bank's

largest city, which was under cur-

"Nablus is a city of ghosts,"

# Jordan warns of Israeli nuclear threat to world

GUATEMALA CITY (Petra) — The head of Jordan's delegation to an International Parfiamentary Union (IPU) meeting, Hazem Nuseibeh, has warned the international community of the danger inherent

in Israel's nuclear arsenal. Addressing the IPU's 79th meeting here, Nuseibeh said Israel had more than 200 nuclear warheads and was going ahead with plans for further production at a time when su-

nuclear weapons. If a nuclear war is to be

to death at his home in Tunis

Saturday by a hit-squad which

both Arab leaders and Israeli

sources say was sent by Israel.

In Amman, Foreign Minister

Taher Al Masri confirmed that

the change had been made at the

request of Wazir's family and the

Masri told the AP: "Jordan

The original plan was to have

welcomed Wazir's burial in Am-

man and we had the doors open

the body flown to Amman and

the burial to take place Tuesday

in the Al Sahabah cemetery, in

the Jordan Valley, overlooking

hills near Jerusalem, according to

buried close to Jerusalem," the

Wazir's father Ibrahim, 80, and

PLO spokesman Ahmad

Abdul Rahman told Reuters in

Tunis Monday that funeral plans

mother Fawzieh, 79, live in

for all PLO to attend."

imposed on the world it would

perpowers were scaling down

be caused by Israel, Nuseibeh warned.

Nuseibeh also spoke about Israel's inbuman practices against the Palestinian people. specially in the wake of the 18-week-old uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, and called on the IPU to set up a fact-finding mission into Israel's atrocities. The Palestinian people, Nuseibeh said, is trying to defend its existence in the face of neo-Nazi measures

of destruction murder, eviction

# American, Iranian forces clash in Gulf President Ronald Reagan BAHRAIN (Agencies) — U.S.

warships Monday destroyed two Iranian oil platforms and sank an Iranian patrol boat in what Washington called a "measured response" for Iran's allegedly planting a mine that holed an American frigate.

Later in the day two Iranian navy frigates were attacked and disabled by American forces in the Gulf after they both fired missiles at U.S. planes, the Pentagon said.

Iranian naval forces, in a state of retaliation, attacked Arab oil facilities and American, British and Cypriot commercial ships, as well as a helicopter chartered by the U.S. NBC broadcast net-

Iran confrontation since U.S.

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Hijack-

ers aboard a Kuwaiti airliner put

ordered the beefing up of the U.S. navy presence last summer in the face of an escalating Iranian menace to freedom of shipping in the vital waterway.

Acting on U.S. President Ronald Reagan's instructions, two groups of navy warships at about 9 a.m. (0500 GMT) struck simultaneously at the two Iranian platforms, Sassan and Sirri-D which are 160 kilometres apart in the southern Gulf. They gave the Iranians a brief warning to evacu-

ate before striking. Reagan, in his first public comments on the U.S.-Iranian clashes, called the U.S. attacks on two Iranian oil platforms a "measured response" for a mine It was the worst direct U.S.- explosion that holed a U.S. frigate last Thursday, injuring ten

Sky pirates use royal family

hostage to increase pressure

Jumbo jet at Algiers airport.

The control tower at Algiers

"If they threaten us they will pay a price," Reagan said in brief remarks on the Gulf at the start of a speech to a national building contractors organisation.

The attack was carried out in retaliation for a mine explosion that ripped open the hull of the American frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts in the Gulf last Thursday, when 10 crewmen were in-

Both of the platforms were destroyed and left ablaze, one by naval gunfire and the other by planted explosives, according to statements from Washington. No casualties were reported among U.S. forces in the attacks.

Iran's official Islamic Republic (Continued on page 5)

bad condition, apparently suffer-

ing from a nervous disorder. Two

other members of the royal fami-

ly, both women, also are aboard.

made in the afternoon after an

the early hours of Monday.

The statement by Sabah was

His appeal was made after the

estimated 31 remaining hostages

on the Kuwait Airways Boeing

747 became the longest-serving

history of hijacking.

prisoners on an airliner in the

Algeria, showing signs of frus-

ing of Houari Boumedienne air-

# PLO moves Abu Jihad funeral to Syria; all leaders may attend

TUNIS (Agencies) — The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) switched funeral plans for assassinated deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir to Syria Monday, saying it has been told by Damascus that Chairman Yasser Arafat and other PLO leaders would be welcome to attend.

The change in funeral arrangements, earlier set for Amman. appeared to mark a major improvement in the PLO's stormy relations with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad. There was no confirmation that Arafat would go, however.

Wazir, popularly known as

# Tunisia finds Israeli complicity in murder

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia said Monday that an Israeli military plane with sophisticated electronic jamming equipment had flown near Tunis and that this confirmed Israeli complicity in the assassination of Palestinian leader Khalil Al Wazir (Abu

Jihad). The official news agency TAP said Tunisia was protesting to the United Nations Security Council.

An Israeli Boeing 707 aircraft flew near Tunisian air space at the time of Saturday's machinegun killing of Abu Jihad and used electronic equipment to jam telephone communications around Abu Jihad's home, TAP said. The agency was announcing

mittee of inquiry into the murder. "The inquiry established

the findings of a special com-

that Israel was implicated in this cowardly terrorist act which it planned and executed," TAP said.

President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali, who ordered the investigation, has asked his foreign minister to inform the ambassadors to the member countries

The committee found that the killing was "terrorism of the sort that only states are capable of carrying out." TAP said: "The committee...

established that an Israeli militof the operation."

international air corridor some 55 kilometres from Tunisian territory "so as not to expose itself to intervention by the Tunisian air force," it said.

"The plans were changed upon a request from Wazir's sick father," a PLO official told the AP on condition he not be identiof the Security Council. "Wazir always wanted to be

the AP.

cial said.

Damascus.

official said in a telephone call from Tunisia. "We thought that the valley was the closest to Jerusalem. "But his father insisted on attending the funeral," the offi-

ary Boeing 707 plane carrying the inscription 4/977 flew near Tunisian air space at the time The aircraft stayed in an

# Israeli court convicts Demjanjuk of all counts

court Monday convicted John er was a Nazi camp guard who sent hundreds of thousands of people to their deaths in World

is on trial before us, is Ivan, known as 'Ivan the terrible," the operator of gas chambers," said

the presiding judge, Dov Levine. The three-judge court convicted Demjanuk, 68, of all four counts against him: War crimes,

Demianiuk was absent from the court as the guilty verdict was

He will be sentenced next Monday and could face the death a life prison term.

they would appeal the verdict. Demjanjuk was the second person to be convicted of war

announced. Demjanjuk's attorney and relatives said they expected a conviction.

# condolences to Arafat Abu Jihad, was machinegunned

and intimidation.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai voiced deep sorrow Monday at the death of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir Abu Jihad).

In a cable of condolences to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Rifai described Abu Jihad as "a great man who dedicated his life to liberating the Palestinian land and to defending the Palestinian people's legitimate rights."

Lower House of Parliament Speaker Akef Al Fayez also sent a cable of condolences to Arafat.

were changed after PLO foreign. affairs chief Farouk Kaddoumi was formally told Sunday that Syria would welcome the PLO

leadership at the burial. PLO officials said that until then Syria had insisted that only family members could attend if the burial was held there.

They said Abu Jihad's body would be flown to Damascus Tuesday and the funeral would probably take place Wednesday. Israel has not claimed responsibility for the killing. But Reuter and the Associated Press quoted Israeli sources as saying that the assassination was ordered by the

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# Mitterrand boosts campaign

PARIS (R) — Socialist President his campaign, which some charges that he is too old to serve another seven-year term, is stepping up the tempo of his campaign in the final week before the first ballot of the presidential elections.

Mitterrand. 71, is favourite to win a new mandate in the tworound election to be held April 24 and May 8, but some opinion polls suggest that his lead over the main challenger. Prime Minister Jacques Chirac, is

softening. Mitterrand has scheduled two extra radio interviews this week and has added plans to travel to French Caribbean territories April 26-27 — an itinerary which will ensure exotic television pictures at home.

He also summoned his national support committee for a meeting Monday to breathe new life into

François Mitterrand, spurred by strategists see as too complacent. Mitterrand has so far based his campaign on retaining the prestige of the presidency and appearing as little as possible in the role of candidate.

Most polls give the Socialist leader 37-38 per cent of the vote on the first ballot, comfortably ahead of Chirac with 22-23.5

But one poll, taken last week by the BVA opinion research organisation, gave the president only 34 per cent. This is not enough, according to pollsters. for Mitterrand to be sure of victory in the May 8 run-off.

Under France's election rules. no further opinion polls on the election may be published until after voting Sunday, although candidates can commission their own surveys for private use.

#### a member of Kuwait's ruling Houari Boumedienne airport family held hostage aboard the asked in English that the stateplane on radio to make a terrified plea Monday for the release of ment be repeated. One of the hijackers then got on the radio prisoners held in Kuwaiti jails. and replied; "He doesn't want to unexplained flurry of activity in Fadel Al Sabah, his voice barely audible, called for the 'release Reports from a hostage freed of the prisoners in Kuwait," in a

Gemayel: Iranian feuds

wrecked hostage deal PARIS (Agencies) — President ment," then because of "a certain Amin Gemayel of Lebanon, on a private visit to France, said Monday that positive results had been achieved in efforts to win the release of French hostages in Lebanon recently, but had been

complicated by factional squabbling in Iran. "Our security services were in direct relations with the French services studying the evacuation, the liberation of certain French hostages," the president said in a

television interview. "There was even talk about the airport of disembarkation of these French hostages for which we hoped a quick release just 15

days ago," he said. But, Gemayel said, "things seemed to get complicated" because of "certain dissentions within the Iranian establishstiffening on the part of one side and the other concerning certain conditions."

"Obviously, the affair of the Kuwaiti Boeing is not helping things," he said, referring to the jetliner hijacked April 5, now sitting at Algiers airport with more than 30 hostages aboard.

In Lebanon, pro-Iranian ex-Michel Seurat, was killed, but his body has never been found.

tremists in Iran are holding at least three French hostages, diplomats Marcel Carton and Marcel Fontaine and journalist Jean-Paul Kauffmann. The kidnappers claim another French hostage.

Gemayel said it was "very

possible" that the struggle among

various clans in Iran was behind

the bijacking.

tration over its failure to mediate a deal with the hijackers to win the release of the hostages, ordered a big security clampdown around the plane. Armed police and security officers lined the runways and roofs of the main terminal build-

radio broadcast from the Kuwaiti earlier said that Sabah was in very

port and check-points sprouted on approach roads. The Boeing, seized April 5, flew into Algiers from Lamaca last Wednesday after Cypriot authorities said they had been assured by the Algerian government that the hostages would be

freed. But Algeria has found itself caught between the unyielding hijackers and Kuwait, which has vowed not to capitulate to their demand for the release of 17 Arab militants jailed in the emirate for bomb attacks in 1983.

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli Demjanjuk of Nazi war crimes, ruling the former Ohio autowork-

War II. "We determine decisively and without hesitation or doubt that the accused John Demjanjuk who

crimes against the Jewish people, crimes against humanity and

crimes against persecuted people.

penalty. Observers have said it was more likely he would receive Defence attorneys have said

crimes in Israel. Adolf Eichmann was hung in 1962. Before the verdict was

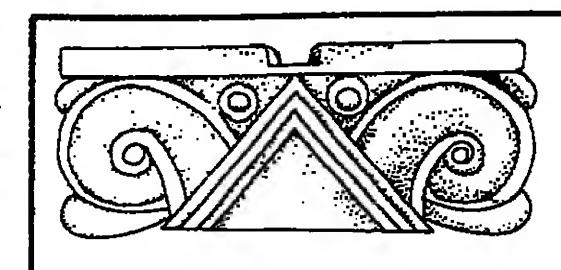
# Greece and Jordan: 3,000 years of contacts

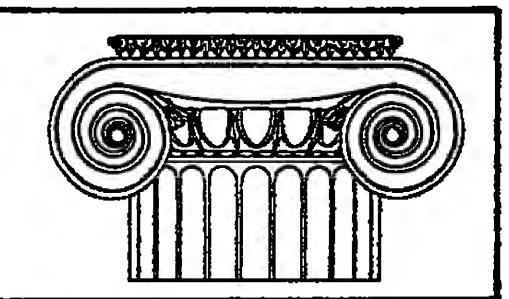
The following are excerpts from a lecture By Konstantinos D. Politis given to the Jordanian-Greek Friendship Association, on 19 March 1988 in the Orthodox Club, Amman. The writer is a graduate student of archaeology at the University of London.

TO TRACE the contacts which the Greek nation has had with the Arab people is a huge endeavour. The intertwining of the two cultural heritages make-up the very history of the Middle East for the last 3,000 years. The two nations have been at the cross-road for ideas and technology flowing east and west for millenia.

There is no written record of the first time a Greek met an been constant and regular, for the archaeological record shows objects from both nations found in each others land from the earliest

of times. Stirrup jars manufactured in Mycenae on mainland Greece and from local islands in about 1200 B.C. have been found at many sites in Jordan. In the exceptionally large tomb at Tabaqat-Fahl (Pella) in the Jordan Valley, Number 62. many stirrup jars were found amongst the 2,000 other imported and local vessels. Most notable though is been trading agricultural produce the Late Bronze Age temple discovered at the old Amman airport near Marka where some 60 Mycenaean and Minoan pots were found. This may have been the farthest eastern Greek influence at this early time. But whether alphabet. And, the proto-aeolic these were actual Mycenaean Greeks living and being buried in Jordan, or simply that the pottery was imported as a luxury item, has not yet been established. The quantity and value, though, which was placed upon this Greek pottery was certainly an early influence on the art of





Proto-Aeolic capital from Palestine (left) and the later Ionic capital from Greece.

At the large Iron Age cemetery of Tell es-Sa idiyeh in the Jordan Valley, only three original Mycenaean stirrup jars were found in the 300 so far excavated. But some 180 imitations found in various burials indicate how venerwhat extent the indigenous population was willing to copy them. Some even believe that at the end of the Late Bronze Age, the Greek Mycenaeans even had established colonies at Tell Abu Hawam on the modern port of Haifa, and Ugarit at Ras Shamra in Syria where pottery types and even architecture are predominantly Greek or Cypriot.

In return for luxury items such as the stirrup jar coming from Greece, the Levantines may have or raw materials. Large Phonecian storage vessels, perhaps for grain or oil were found in later times in mainland Greece. The ancient Phonecian language formed a basis for the Greek capital with palmette motif derived in Iron Age Palestine may very well have been the predecessor to the Cypriot and Aeolic capitals which later influenced the classic Greek Ionic order.

The foundation of the Decapolis cities by Alexander the Great and his successors is somewhat

disputed, as no early Hellenistic material has been discovered at any of these sites. All the archaeological excavations and investigations have so far only discovered late Hellenistic finds. Therefore, the only evidence we have for the founding of the One of the biggest influences of ated these objects were, and to Decapolis cities by Alexander are the place-names themselves.

Jordan Valley may have come from Pella in northern Greece. The same would apply for Dion. Meanwhile Jerash could be ancient Gerontes. On the other hand, what has previously been called Late Iron Age and/or Persian material could represent the early Hellenistic period; although the Persian armies may have been replaced by the Greek, the potters and craftsmen stayed behind. The important point here is that the indigenous people of Jordan remained the same, but only adopted the material culture of their conquerors after a considerable time of dominance and influence. Thus, Late Iron Age and Persian material could have been used during the early Hellenistic times when Alexander was expanding into the Jordanian area, and establishing the Decapolis

So we can see that although Alexander the Great brought Greek influence into Jordan, the people of Jordan were equally as strong and eventually mixed to form a unique local material culture in the Hellenistic period. Nabatean pottery is one good example of what could be pro-

Perhaps the place where this is most clearly depicted is the mag- Arabs under Muawiya even nificent rose-coloured city of ancient Petra. Here we have a beautiful blend of classic Greek architecture along side Near empire. The city held, though, Eastern art. The cavetto stepped design seen on many buildings in halted. The outcome was peace Petra derives from Assyria, where as the classic order in the architecture of most of the structures clearly show Hellenistic influences. The marriage is a wonderful example of Greek and Arab inter-cultural exchanges.

The Byzantine period in Jordan is a long and rich one. It is not surprising that Greek monks two great nations. were still inhabiting El Deir in In 706 A.D./87 A. Petra well into the 13th century A.D. In fact, on the basis of archaeological surveys, the Byzantine period was one of the most densely populated and active times in Jordan's history. Virtually everywhere one visits in

Jordan, Byzantine influence is

From distant desert forts in the east such as Qasr Burga and Azraq, to the ancient Decapolis cities, cultural traditions from Byzantine Greece flourished. the time was the religion of Christianity which was first Tabagat-Fahl (Pella) in the adopted by the Greeks. After the conversion of Emperor Constantine to Christianity in 333 A.D., it spread rapidly throughout the Levant. Greek, the language of the New Testament, was the lingua franca of the eastern provinces in the Roman Empire, and with the establishment of the Byzantine Empire by Theodosius in 395 A.D., Greek became the dominant language used in trade, government and scholarship. It is no coincidence that so many Greek inscriptions are found in Jordan. Perhaps the most important of all are those on the mosaic map of Madaba which names the cities and geographic features in the Levant and are key for identifying the situation of Byzantine ruins today. Most of the churches in Jordan were built during Byzantine rule and their remains are evidence for the great role Christianity had in the empire.

Greek influence in the Levant was undoubtably marked by a local traditions and culture of the series of defeats by the Islamic armies led by Caliph Omar at Ajnadeen, Fahel and culminating at the famous battle of Yarmouk on 20 August 636 A.D./15 A.H. when the Byzantine army finally was broken. Jerusalem and Damascus fell soon after this. And in 678 A.D./17 .A.H. the reached the shores near Constantinople itself, and threatened the which has lasted ever since. As carried on lively trade with the the Arab Nation stood on its own Muslim world which stimulated a again, the Greek-Byzantine new relationship. But when Conempire learned to respect it. Never again would Greeks attempt to 1453 A.D., the socio-political dominate the Levant. In fact, over the centuries a new relationship developed between the

The end of the Byzantine-

Walid I commissioned Greek mosaic experts from Constantinople to decorate the great mosque This was one of many examples of the close and symbiotic rela-

developed so soon after the rejoined by technicians and entreat of the Byzantine armies from the Levant. Archaeologically, it is still difficult to divide the period of Byzantine influence and the beginning of Islam, namely the Umayyad period. Certain percentages of the population remained Christian with the oncoming of Islam and were tolerated in the Umayyad period. Arabic translations of Greek classics such as Aristotel's "His-

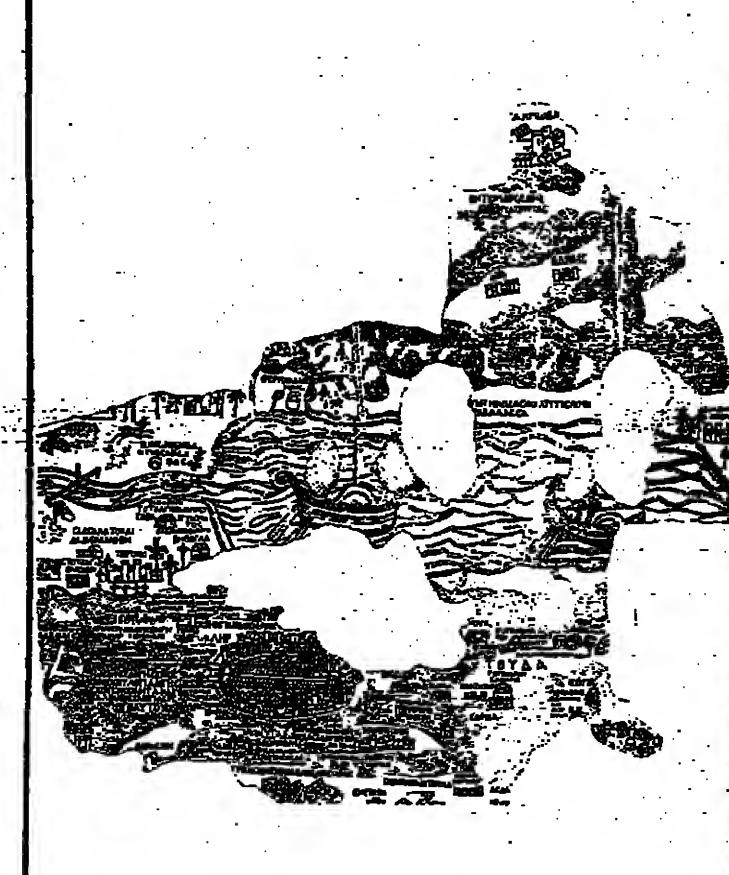
tory of Animals," influenced 10th Century writers such as Kushajim. Other Greek scientific and medical works were also in vague during the Abbassid period. And very heart of the Byzantine as Arab science and technology developed it in turn was transferand the Arab conquest was red to Byzantine Greece. Since Greeks were not concerned about between Greeks and Arabs, papai decrees from the west, they stantinople fell to the Turks in situation in Greece and in the entire Middle-East changed dramatically. Probably the most influential factor in modern Greek In 706 A.D./87 A.H. Calipb Al and Arab societies was the hundreds of years of Turkish occupation of the two great nations.

In the late 1800's some Greeks he was building in Damascus. emigrated to Palestine from Greek islands and from Asia Minor. They came as physicians tionship the Greeks and Arabs and merchants. Later they were

gineers working on maritime projects in Acre and Lake Tiberius, and on the construction of the Hejaz railway. Some of these Greeks were eventually Arabised though others succeeded in Hellenising their spouses. But most maintained a Greek Orthodox community which survives today through the "paradosis" (alturath) of churches and schools. During the British mandate much of the Greek community centred itself in and around Jerusalem, closely tied to the Greek Orthodox Patriarchade. But after the Jewish hostilities and the consequential wars, much of the Greek community dispersed to Greece, America and elsewhere. Some came to Jordan where they still

Ed-Deir (the monastery) at Petra, a classical Nabataean monument with clear Hellenistic architectural influences.

Today cultural agreements between Greece and Jordan tie the nations together through educational exchange programmes which allow many young people to learn about our respective countries and the many similarities we share. No people represent this deep-rooted understanding between our peoples better than the married couples which have united Greeks and Arabs. This happened during the hundreds of years of Hellenistic and Byzantine-Greek influence in



Jordan, and continues today. The Madaha Mosaic map

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# **TODAY'S EVENTS**

# **EXHIBITIONS**

Art exhibition by . Mohammad Boulis and Mounira Al Tunisiah at the Housing Bank Gallery.

★ Exhibition of photographs of Jordan at the Spanish Cultural Centre.

VIDEO FILM

★ "Heimat" parts 485 (German with English subtitles) at 8:30 p.m. at the Goethe Institute. **CULTURAL CENTRES** 

Royal Cultural Centre .. Tel. 661026/7 American Centre ...... 644371 American Centre library ...... 641520 Goethe Institute ...... 641993 Soviet Cultural Centre. Spanish Cultural Centre ...... 624049 Turkish Cultural Centre ...... 639777 Haya Arts Centre ...... 665195 Hussein Youth City ...... 667181/6 Y.W.C.A. ......641793 Y.W.M.A. ..... 664251 Amman Municipal Library ..... 637111 Univ. of Jordan Library ....... 843555

**MUSEUMS** 

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum' Funiand knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre, Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folkiore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosales from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-

quities of Jordan, Jabal Ai Oal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays, Jordan National Gellery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by

WHAT'S GOING ON 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel.

> Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

# SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club, Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m.
Lions Philadelphia Chib. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 200 Royal Automobile Clab. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534. 817534.

# **CHURCHES**

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jahal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Americation (Roman Catholic) Jabai Luweibdeh. Tel. De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757. Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic).

Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366 Church of the Amuniciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali. Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383, chaplain's residence, tel. 601359 Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich. Tel. 771331.

fieh, Tel. 775261. St. Enhraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich. Tel. 771751. Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534. Evangelical Latheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-

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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-

# QUEEN ALIA

### INTERNATIONAL **AIRPORT**

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ARRIVALS
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OTHER FLIGHTS (Terminal 2)

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# WEATHER

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### NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

MA'AN PROJECTS: A delegation from the Ministry of Planning and the Cities and Villages Development Bank Monday visited Ma'an Governorate and inspected the present industrial situation in the governorate. The delegation also explored the possibility of setting up new industrial projects in the governorate in the future with support from the bank.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: The Public Transport Corporation (PTC) board of directors, during a meeting Monday under the chairmanship of Minister of Transport and Telecommunications Khaled Al Haj Hassan, reviewed the corporation's services and means of developing these services. The minister called for studying the transport needs of all areas covered by PTC services as well as the needs of new residential areas.

IPU CHIEF: President of the International Parliamentary Union (IPU) council met in Guatemala Monday with the Parliament's Secretary General Hani Khair, who is currently attending IPU meetings, and expressed to him the willingness to further strengthen the relations between the IPU and Jordan's parliament.

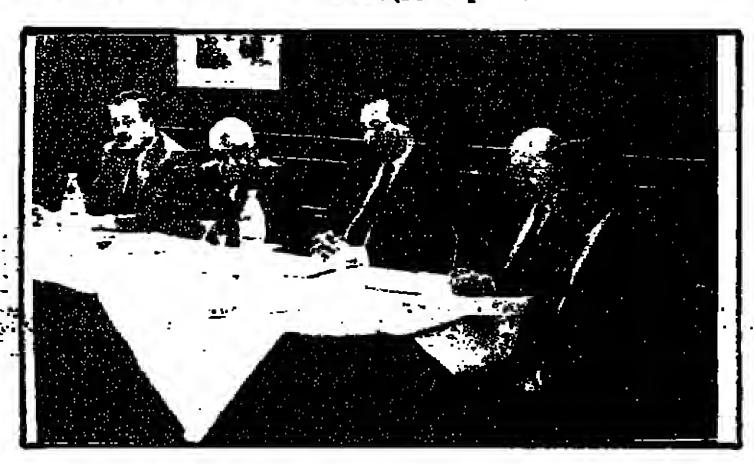
REDUCED TUITION: The dean of students affairs at the University of Jordan is currently studying the possibility of exempting some handicapped and poor students from about 90 per cent of the tuition fees. The university is also expected to study the possibility of allowing its students to study one semester at an Arab or foreign university.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY: The dean of the Business Administration College at Glasgow University in Britain has ended a three-day visit to the University of Jordan during which he discussed with a number of the faculty deans at the university, further boosting relations and cooperation between the two universities.

SUPPORT FOR UPRISING: The World Democratic Women federation has appealed to the international community and all peace loving nations to provide immediate material and financial aid to the Palestinian people in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. It also called for solidarity with the Palestinians in their uprising.



The Jordanian Businessmen's Society's General Assembly holds meeting Sunday. (below) The meeting is chaired by the society's Chairman Mamdouh Abu Hassan (Petra photo)



# Businessmen society studies future plans

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordanian Businessmen's Society's General Assembly held a meeting here Sunday to review last year's activities and study plans for the

Meeting under its Chairman Mamdouh Abu Hassan, the general assembly heard an annual report, contacts made with cor--responding societies in Arab and foreign countries and plans for expanding cooperation with economic organisations in Jordan and abroad.

Abu Hassan addressed the meeting, noting the development of the society since its establishment in 1985.

The meeting elected three committees, two of them to deal with economic, research foreign and public relations affairs.

The third committee will undertake the task of promoting Jordan's trade with other nations, increasing foreign investments in Jordan, orienting the outside world on investment opportunities in the Kingdom, setting up a centre providing advisory services for investors, and encouraging an exchange of visits by businessmen between Jordan and other coun-

# Jordan exports 350,000 labourers abroad

IRBID (J.T.) — Ministry of Labour and Social Development Secretary General Dr. Saleh Khasawneh said the Jordanian labour market is not only an exporter of manpower but also an

Jordan exports some 350.000 labourers annually abroad and 25 per cent of labourers in Jordan are non-Jordanians. Khasawneh pointed out, adding that 40 per cent of Jordan's manpower are

working abroad.

Khasawneh, in a lecture, he delivered Sunday on the Jordanian labour market at Yarmouk University, said that the Jordanian labour market extended to beyond Jordan's geographic boundaries to cover the Gulf states and several industrial countries throughout the world.

Unemployment in Jordan, he added, was not general but rather restricted to some fields.

# Jordan to need more than 152 million sq.m. of water

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will need between 152 million square metres to 238 million square metres of drinking water by the year 2000 according to studies made by a group of foreign consultancy firms.

Al Ra'i Arabic daily quoted informed sources as saying the average yearly consumption of drinking water for Greater Amman alone is around 39 million square metres, but they added that 44 per cent of this water is lost because of leaks in water Jines. They called for measures to renew these lines.

The sources added that providing the necessary drinking water for Jordan also requires assurances on the quality of the water and its suitability for drinking.

A copy of a report on the water of the King Talal Dam, prepared by the British Times consultancy firm, and made available to the daily, indicated that the quality of the water is not suitable for drinking and can only be used for farming purposes.

The team which studied the water expressed fear that the quality of the water in the Wadi Arab Dam, which provides the King Abdullah Channel. might deteriorate.

They called for a programme for monitoring the quality of water in that dam continuously. They also recommended that the body of the dam be strengthened.

The experts stressed the need for more specialists in water affairs to monitor all different sources of water in Jordan.





# NHF, Education Ministry discuss cooperation over Jubilee School

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Coop- being sponsored by the NHF it- male and female students. eration between the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) and the Ministry of Education, in offering education to gifted students at the projected Jubilee, in Amman Monday.

A team from the ministry and another from the NHF led by its Director General, Mrs. In'am Al Mufti, discussed forming a technical team that would support the activities of the school which is which will accommodate 600 centrated study.

The model secondary school will be established in honour of His Majesty King Hussein's deep commitment to education, and in School, was discussed at a meet, recognition of the great strides contribute to the development of ing held at the NHF headquarters made by the country under his

A design for the new school has been prepared by a local firm and the NHF was now involved in raising funds and recruiting staff for operating the boarding school

The school will provide outstanding students from Jordan and other Arab countries with the

highest quality education. . As a laboratory school, it will education throughout the region according to NHF sources.

The Jubilee School, the conception of which marked the King's 50th birthday in 1985, wil offer extensive educational opportunities and allow for con-



Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni and Italian five-year agreement to promote tourism (Petra Ambassador to Jordan Luigi Amaduzzi sign a

# Jordan, Italy sign tourism pact

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Italy Monday signed a five-year agreement to promote tourism and to expand the flow of tourists between the two countries.

The agreement was signed in Amman by Minister of Tourism Zuhair Ajlouni and Italy's Jordan. In this context, youth Ambassador to Jordan Luigi tourist groups and the organisa-Amaduzzi.

both parties to facilitate the gy will be encouraged. their respective territories of the appropriate representation and

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The agreement represents a major step in the strengthening of the friendly and extensive relations already existing between Italy and Jordan in all fields.

Tourism from Italy to Jordan has increased in recent years. While in 1984 only 4,585 Italians visited Jordan, in 1987 Italian 14.000 and a further significant increase is expected for the cur-

# Jordan, Tunisia discuss cooperation

TUNIS (Petra) — Jordanian-Tunisian cooperation in general was discussed at a meeting here Monday between Jordan's ambassador Sata an Al Hassan and the Tunisian Education and vocational training. Minister.

Hassan handed the minister an invitation to visit Jordan from his Jordanian counterpart Thougan Al Hindawi.

Later Monday, the head of a visiting Jordanian educational de- fair sold more than JD 2 million legation delivered a lecture on the Jordanian Ministry of Education's experiments in academic

fair which opened in Tunis on April I was reported to have sold large quantities of goods to the Tunisian public.

On the first two days, the trade worth of products, according to the fair's director.

The 10-day fair, the third of its | Zagha. Meanwhile, a Jordanian trade kind to be held in Tunis, is currently displaying a variety of Jordanian products ranging from plastic and leather goods to kitch-

# Queen inaugurates new health centre at Hittin refugee camp

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) - A new health centre for the Hittin refugee camp in Marka, built with Canadian help, was inaugurated Monday by Her Majesty Queen Noor.

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque at the entrance and then made a tour of the centre's sections, during which she was briefed on their functions and the medical services for the camp residents.

The centre, built and furnished with a special contribution of \$270,000 from the Canadian government, has an area of about 800 square metres and consists of 24 major rooms including a dispensary, a laboratory, a dental clinic and a room for inoculation services, dressing and eye treatment.

These are adjoined by a prefabricated building that serves as a waiting hall and which has sanitary facilities.

The centre provides primary health services as well as maternal and child health care for some 34,000 refugees and displaced persons living in the camp, according to health officials.

Some 500 patients visit the centre daily for examination or treatment, they said. The Canadian government, a

major contributor to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine refugees (UN-RWA) which undertakes medical services for the refugees, had donated \$208,000 last year to fund the construction of a new general clinic in Baqa camp which was put into operation in September 1987.

Among those attending the ceremony with the Queen were Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh, Zarqa Governor Eid Qatarneh, UNRWA officials, Canadian

Ambassador to Jordan Michael Bell and an audience of invited guests and refugee representa- Bank.

UNRWA officials said that the new health centre replaces the one that had been in service for the last 10 years, and Canada's other camps. help was sought in this project since UNRWA lacked sufficient funds to set up the new centre.

They said that construction work at the centre took 12 months to complete, and was carried out by a local contractor under UNRWA's supervision. They said five doctors, one

dentist and 12 nurses are being employed to operate the services at the new centre, which include primary health care, maternal and child care, outpatient medical care, nutrition rehabilitation, health education, school health services and a community nursing programme.

The camp itself was established in 1968 on an area of 917 dunums, six miles north east of Amman, to accommodate Palestine refugees and displaced persons who left the West Bank and Gaza as a result of the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Initially it had a population of about 15,000. Now its population amounts to 34,000 persons, including 6,300 displaced persons, living in 3,994 shelters.

The number of shelters constructed by the agency within the camp perimeter was 3,244, following the receipt of special funds from the Federal Republic of Germany, the government of Ita-

ly, the Near East Emergency Donations Inc. (an organisation established in 1967 with ex-President Eisenhower as honorary chairman, donating funds received from U.S. business corporations and private citizens) and the Jordan Development

Also the Federal Republic of Germany has recently donated \$550,000 for physical improvements in the Marka camp and

Environmental services in the camp are carried out by 46 UN-RWA workers who look after the camp's sanitation and the collection of refuse which is removed from the camp by municipality of Rusaifeh on contractual basis.

A new water supply system and sewers have been completed by the Jordanian government. Now some 2,900 shelters have been connected to the new water supply network and 2,800 to the sewerage system. About 90 per cent of the camp shelters have electricity which is provided by the Jordanian Electricity Company against payment of fees.

Moreover, the Jordanian government, through the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs. provides direct and indirect services to the camp residents, especially in respect of infra-structure services, in addition to providing relief assistance to the displaced persons and secondary education to the refugee children.

Besides its health services, UN-RWA provides to Marka (Hittin) refugees, as is the case with the other refugee camps and concentrations, education and relief services. In the camp, it has 10 schools (elementary and preparatory) catering for 9,500 refugee boys and girls supervised by a staff of 227 teachers.

# Foreign Ministry announces transfers

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Foreign Affairs Taher Masri has carried out transfers among Jordanian diplomats currently working in Jordan and in embas-

sies all over the world. Following are some of the dipiomats included in transfer Councillor Maher Nashashibi from the permanent delegation at the United Nations in New York, to the Jordanian embassy in Tunisia. Councillor Muhammad Shahenkri from Jordan to embas-

sy in Bonn. Councilior Atef Hallaseh from Jordan to embassy in Cairo. First Secretary Omar Al Rifai from Jordan to embassy in

Washington D.C. First Secretary Muhammad

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Second Secretary Fakhri

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Jabour from Jordan to embassy in Rome. Attache Omar Belbeissi from Jordan to permanent delegation

at the United Nations in New Attache Mazin Al Hmoud

from Jordan to embassy in Attache Omar Al Nazif from

Jordan to permanent delegation at the United Nations in Geneva. Attache Imad Badran from Jordan to embassy in Washington.

Attache Ibrahim Obeidat from Jordan to embassy in Tunisia. Attache Suhail Haddad from Jordan to embassy in Tokyo.

# Infrastructure schemes acquire lion's share in Karak governorate

KARAK (Petra) — Nearly two thirds of allocations for the 1986 and 1987 projects included in the 1986-1990 five-year development plan in the Karak governorate are already spent, with the infrastructure schemes acquiring the lion's share, according to Karak Governor Mohammad Hussein Al Shobaki.

Shobaki said that the government had allocated a total of JD 292 million for projects in the governorate which houses 121,000 people, living in six developmental districts: Karak, Qaser, Mazar, Aiy. Safi and

In the past two years, Shobaki noted, the Ministry of Education spent JD 4.371,290 on building schools, vocational institutes and school facilities in these six dis-

At present, he said, the ministry is involved in building workshops for Al Rabbeh Agricultural School and annexes to existing schools in Smakieh and other areas at the total cost of JD 1,374,109.

The Ministry of Education's

projects, he said, will help end the present two-shift school system and free itself from rented school buildings.

"In the past two years, the Karak governorate witnessed a transformation of telephone systems from manual to automatic systems at a total cost of JD 12.5 million, thus making available more than 9.000 lines for new subscribers," Shobaki noted. He said the Ministry of Agri-

culture was helping local farmers increase their output and raise more livestock. "The cultivable land within the

governorate is estimated at 420,000 dunums of which 127,000 are being exploited mostly for the production of wheat, olives, vegetables and fruit trees." Shobaki noted.

The governorate, he added, has a total of 76 poultry farms. together producing more than three million birds annually. Farmers in the governorate own 280,000 heads of cattle, goats and

The government, he said, buys local production at subsidised cost to encourage farmers to increase their output, and purchases tomatoes for processing at its plant in Ghor Al Safi.

The Ministry of Agriculture. Shobaki noted, has recently distributed 25,000 saplings of olives. vines and other fruit trees to local farmers in a bid to encourage fruit production in large quantities especially in higher regions. Referring to the role of the Ministry of Public Works and

total of JD 2.694.716 on building new roads and maintaining others over the past two years. "Thanks to the new projects, the governorate of Karak now has a modern network of main, side and agricultural roads. stretching nearly 9,000 kilometres

Housing, Shobaki said it spent a

in length. Shobaki noted. He said the Health Ministry has been active in developing the local government hospitals transforming a health centre in Ghor Al Safi into a 25-bed hospital and setting up numerous health centres within the governorate.

# Journalists visit UDD housing project

AMMAN (Petra) — The Urban Development Department (UDD) has organised a tour for local journalists of areas where housing estates had been set up for the benefit of low-income

The estates have been built at Um Tineb, east of Wahdat. where the local population had been dwelling in shantytowns set up on land not their own, according to UDD Director Hisham Al

He said that the UDD conducted a comprehensive survey of the homes and population prior to carrying out its project, which ens and pharmaceutical products. | was provided with all basic ser-

vices, such as running water, electricity and a health centre.

The housing estate at Um Tineh, he said, has a community and a vocational training centre for the benefit of the local people. He said that 3,921 citizens be-

nefitted from the project which

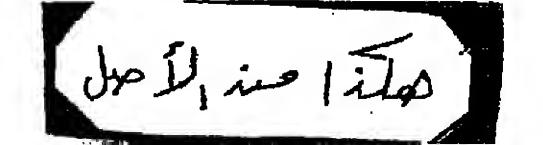
contains 523 units set up on 74 dunums of land. Another area visited by the journalists was Oweismeh where

1.313 units were built by UDD on 363 dunums of land, now housing 8,962 citizens.

The Qweismen project which also has all the basic services contains 82 stores, two community centres, a vocational training centre, two schools, a health clinic and other facilities. This housing estate cost JD 20 million, according to UDD officials.

Following the tour. Zagha held a press conference, in which he said 34 families included in the Um Tineh housing estate are unable to pay for their land and homes, and the UDD is now studying means of helping them overcome this difficulty. He did not disclose further details.

Zagha said a new system has been introduced whereby beneficiaries can reduce the total amounts of interests due on their



# Jordan Times

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# Justice, equality

IT is ironic that while the Palestinians living under Israeli occupation are engaged in a heated national uprising, the Israelis are still busy seeking out and punishing people who committed crimes against humanity during the Nazi era. We say it is ironic not because we feel the criminals of the past should not be punished; indeed, the Nazi era criminals should be caught and punished to the full extent of the law and of the human moral code. We find it unjust, however, that there should be such international concern about the crimes that were committed against Jews and other people earlier this century, while the issue of Palestinian national rights is treated by most Israelis as one of how to pacify people who erupt in spontaneous riots every now and then.

Of course, the scale of national suffering of the Jews and of the Palestinians is very different, and what the Jews suffered under the Nazis should never be the fate of any people, now or in the future. But it is unjust that the essential national needs of the Palestinians should be subjected to a lower criterion of legitimacy in Israeli and American eyes, when Israelis and Americans lead the international effort to flush out and punish people who committed crimes against Jews and others earlier this century.

The trial of John Demjanjuk in Israel, who is accused of having been a savage Nazi prison guard at Treblinka camp, reminds us that people with a distinct national identity should be able to live freely and safely in their own states if they so wish, as Jews do today in Israel. The Palestinian uprising should also remind the world that there are still peoples in the Middle East who seek that same right of national self-determination, but who are denied it by the political and moral bias of a Jewish state that is massively supported by the United States. We look forward to the day when crimes against humanity and against entire peoples are no longer allowed in this world, though we would like to see such a development apply to all people, and not only to some people.

# ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Confronting a superpower

THE American veto at the U.N. Security Council, killing a resolution that would have sanctioned Israel for its atrocities in the occupied Arab territories, was another gift from the United States to Israel. It was an open blessing of Israel's inhuman practices and its violations of human rights and all international principles and all values. The veto was not a mere American expression of support for injustice and aggression or backing for terrorism and murder and eviction of Arabs from their homeland, but it was rather an affront to mankind and a show of disregard to human values and international principles which Washington had been advocating. In contrast to this ugly picture, one can see a glorious uprising in the occupied Palestinian land, with the Arab population undertaking heroic feats, aimed at achieving liberation. In the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, one can see Arab people rising in the face of Zionism and atrocities. and arbitrary actions by Israeli soldiers. These people are determined to achieve victory and freedom, despite Israel's formidable war machine and despite the exposure of the United States as a power supporting aggression and fighting alongside Israel in the same trench against the Arab population. Against our people stands a superpower, the U.S. which continues to deny the Palestinians their right to return to their homeland.

# Al Dustour: Iron and fire

THE Israelis who planned and carried out the assassination of Khalil Al Wazir have not learnt a lesson from the past and their sole intention was to try to stifle the Palestinian uprising by liquidating one of the Palestinian leaders. The Israelis still are unaware of the fact that such criminal actions invite counter violent measures and are bound to intensify the Palestinian revolt, exactly as we had witnessed following the assassination. The news about Abu Jihud's murder fuelled the situation in the occupied lands and brought about a result that had never been expected by the Israeli leaders. Thousands of men and women of all ages and in various cities and villages and from all walks of life surged into the streets and defied the occupation forces, by escalating their revolt and stepping up their resistance. Of course Israel which excels in the art of killing, rained the angry population with all kinds of weapons killing more than 20 of the demonstrators and wounding many others. This aggressive Jewish state can only understand the language of fire and iron which it continues to employ against the Arab population.

# Sawt Al Shaab: United against aggressors

THE Arab people in Palestine and Iraq are defying the aggressors' ambitions and plans by rising to confront them and abort their conspiracies. In the occupied Arab territories, the Palestinian people are maintaining their glorious uprising and pursuing their resistance with all means available to them for the sake of achieving victory and liberation. On the eastern flank of the Arab World the Iraqi people and armed forces are fending off one act of aggression after another and launching new campaigns to liberate the Fao peninsula and other parts of Iraqi territory. The liberation of the Fao peninsula constitutes a new development in the Gulf war, creating better opportunities for peace and forcing the Iranian aggressors to retreat and taste final defeat. The new development could also pave the way for the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598. Israel and Iran are both coordinating their steps in spreading terrorism everywhere and both are intent to pursue aggression on the Arabs.

# Christian Zionism: Offshoot of Protestant Christianity

By Rev. Donald E. Wagner

The following is the first in four comprising a study on Western fundamentalist Christian Zionism presented by the writer to a Middle East Council of Churches working group in Limassol. Cyprus in April,

damentalist Christian organisations and missions into the Middle East has become a matter of great concern to the churches of the region. Of particular note are vide a succinct statement of the those organisations who support the policies and political agendas of the modern state of Israel, seeing that state as a fulfillment of Biblical prophecies. Some of these groups call themselves Christian Zionists and believe that God has called them to "comfort and support Israel" unconditionally.

The following paper will focus on the Christian Zionist phenomenon as an offshoot from western Protestant Christianity. While there are different Christian pro-Zionist tendencies and the broader category of "philo-Semitism". this study will examine only the western fundamentalist type of Christian Zionism, its history, major theological beliefs, and the problems it represents for Christians in the Middle East and Christianity in general. It must be emphasised at the outset that Christian Zionism is viewed by Middle Eastern churches as a new heresy and dangerous intrusion into the life of the people of the region. In fact, it supports political agendas which are hostile to efforts of unity, justice, and peace and undermines their witness to the

After a brief review of several key concepts and the terminology of western fundamentalism, the paper will outline the history of the movement in broad strokes rather than in great detail. The major figures in the movement and their political contributions will be given special attention. The final section will raise various issues emanating from the Christian Zionist's efforts in the region. The presentation should be viewed as a general introduction to the subject and not a thorough theological or historical analysis. The subject of western fundamentalist Christian Zionism can be introduced by allowing one of its leading advocates to speak for himself. The Rev. Jerry Falwell, pastor of the 10,000

Gospel of Jesus Christ in the

"Anyone who truly believes in the Bible sees Christianity and the new state of Israel as inseparably connected. The re-formation

member Thomas Road Baptist

Church in Lynchburg, Virginia,

and founder of the fundamental-

ist political action group Moral

Majority, has stated:

THE influx of western fun- of the state of Israel in 1948 is, for every Bible believing Christian, a fulfillment of Old Testament and New Testament prophecy.'

Rev. Falwell's comments profundamentalist Christian Zionist position. One should add that the position is buttressed by a strong programme of political action which attempts to mobilise Christians on behalf of the government of Israel.

Fundamentalist Christian support of political Zionism is in no way a new phenomenon in history. Western Christian fundamentalist support of Israel has its roots in an old theological concept called premillennialist dispensationalism. Strictly speaking, this tendency developed in Europe during the nineteenth century, but its roots can be traced to the Protestant Reformation and Jewish Apocalyptic thought. Today, Christian Zionism is a movement within western fundamentalist and Evangelical Christianity which is developing its own leadership, institutions, and a clear political agenda.

### Glossary of Terms

First, it is important to review several of the major concepts and terms that are used within Christian fundamentalist circles.

A. Evangelical: This umbrella category covers a broad spectrum of theological beliefs, churches, and organisations. In much of Europe and the Middle East, the term "Evangelical" refers to the historic churches of the Protestant Reformation, among whom are Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, and low church Anglican. In North and South America, and to a certain extent in Africa and Asia, the term Evangelical has an entirely different meaning. In the West, Evangelicalism is a movement within Protestant Christianity again" experience, the Bible as the infallible Word of God (which is often interpreted: literally), a strong programme of personal evangelism, and expectation of the imminent Second Coming of but there is a wide diversity of interpretations and the addition of certain nuances by the different Evangelical groups. In addition, it should be added that there are strong Evangelical movements within most mainline Protestant denominations, both in England and the United States.

In America, there are at least three distinct trends within western Evangelicalism. First, the progressive wing is represented by such journals as "Sojourners" and "The Other Side." It is a small but influential group. They hold the above theological positions but add a strong programme of social justice. Second, the "Centre" or Evangelical Establishment, is the largest grouping, representing perhaps 65 per cent of all American Evangelicals. Their major representative body is the National Association of Evangelicals which claims over 30 denominations in its fold with its own mission, programme, and service agencies.

Third, the Fundamentalist wing represents approximately 25 per cent of the whole and is also the most visible. Having a near monopoly in television and radio evangelism, they are also the fastest growing body in western Christendom.

Evangelicals account for approximately sixty million people in the United States. In recent years, they have moved into strategic leadership positions which range from the Presidency and Congress to big business. The Fundamentalist branch of the American Evangelical movement is the most conservative in its theology, ethics, and politics. It is also the most active of the three wings. Most fundamentalist Christians, though not all, subscribe to the premillennialist theology, and therefore one finds the Christian Zionist tendency is

most active within this grouping. B. Dispensationalism: Dispensationalism is an attempt to take the whole of God's history and explain it in specific epochs. According to its leading spokesperson, C.I. Scoffeld. "a dispensation is a period of time during which humanity is tested according to some specific revelation of God." The modern doctrine claims that God has two distinct parallel processes in history: One works through Israel which emphasises the "born and the second through the church. Most dispensationalist approaches 'use seven dispersations which denote a progression. ity. The present dispensation is number six, or the "Church and Christ. Most Evangelicals will Grace Era." It will end when Jesus returns to establish his millennial Kingdom (Age Seven). The church will be "raptured" from history and Israel will resume its primary role as God's instrument during the last days. According to the two key Biblical passages which are used to justify this belief (Daniel 7-9 and Revelation 16) there will be a Mes- ity.

sianic restoration of David's throne for 70 weeks after the rebuilding of Jerusalem. One particular group of dispensationalists, the premillennialists, will be a special focus in this paper as they interpret all of God's history with a focus on the end time.

C. Premillennialism: This term

derives its name from the belief that Jesus Christ will personally return to earth before establishing a Kingdom wherein He will reign for 1,000 years. It is important to note that two fundamentally different positions exist concerning the millennium. "Postmillennialists" believe that after the Gospel is preached to every creature. Jesus will return to establish His Kingdom. This view has been the traditional approach of most western Evangelicals since the Reformation, but it has lost ground to the premillennialists in recent years. The last view, "Amillennialism," simply views the idea of the milleanium as symbolic and does not subscribe to a literal interpretation.

D. The anti-Christ: Premillennial dispensationalists believe that history will deteriorate rapidly until the "anti-Christ" gains control of the world. This concept is taken from Daniel 9, and refers to a new manifestation of Satan who will attempt to rule the world through One World Government, sometimes thought to be the United Nations, NATO, etc. This version of the anti-Christ doctrine has drawn considerable speculation throughout history. Recent analysts suggest a number of possible identities for the figure, including the Pope, Lenin, Hitler, or Khomeini. According to the premillennialists' interpretation of Revelation 16:16, the anti-Christ will be destroyed at

the Battle of Armageddon. E. The tribulation and last days of history: As life on earth deteriorates, a period of "Tribulation," or reign of terror, will be directed by the anti-Christ against all who do not submit to his control. The timing of the Tribulation again leads to groups of pre-, mid-, and post-tribulain God's relationship to human—tionalists, depending when the church is believed to be raptured from history. Premillennialists point to Daniel 7 and 9, I Thessalonians 45. and Revelation 6 20 for Biblical sources of this doctrine. Despite the arguments of premillennialist thinkers such as Hal Lindsay and John Walvoord, traditional exegesis shows insufficient basis for these doctrines in the Bible and clearly little support in historic Christian-

# OPEN FORUM

# One shining hour?

TODAY, people of Palestine, you stand at one of those crossroads which come only rarely in human history. With sticks and stones you have brought yourselves, and the long years of oppression in your homeland, onto the world stage. World newspaper headlines and TV cameras have created sympathy for your right to freedom, human dignity, and independence, at the hearth, and in the hearts, of peoples all over the world.

The world stage is yours. The restraint which has brought you to this world stage has surprised millions of people of our world: Those millions of people who have believed that violence is an integral part of the Arab

character. Extremists in Israel, who appear to control the Israeli armed forces, bave instituted actions, repeatedly, clearly nimed at inciting this falsely assumed "violence proneness" of the Arab character. And the world has seen that you did not react with the bloody violence so falsely assumed.

But recently there have been a few incidents, and inflamatory statements, which indicate that a few extremists among you, as there are among all communities of peoples. may be getting out of hand. And some of your friends and supporters are getting a bit nervous.

Your freedom and independence is within your grasp. But a few extremists among you could throw it away. Or make the final steps to your freedom and independence a much more rocky road than it

I would like to suggest one way in which you can guarantee that the freedom and independence within your grasp is not snatched away from you by the actions of a few extremists bent on violence. Mahatma Gandhi, with people power, wrested the independence of his homeland from what was then the mightlest empire on our

cameras — using this tactic. Martin Luther King, with people power, used the same tactic for

planet: Without guns; without even sticks and stones; without TV

the black people of America. Corazon Aquino, with people power, recently, again, used this tactic, without bloodshed, to remove a dictatorship in her bomeiand You, the people of Palestine. face an even more unique challenge and opportunity. You stand in the limelight of a world stage. Your rights as fellow human beings are clear, now, to all the peoples of the world. You seek freedom, a God-given ache which dwells in the heart of every person who is not free, and an ache which those who are free will not allow to be imposed. You are playing to the hearts of the people's of all the world, not just to Palestinians and other

Arabs. You have an opportunity to set an example which will not only. gain your freedom and independence, unquestionably --- but will have millions of people of our common world waiking with you. I suggest that you, now that you have the limelight of this world stage, demonstrate to all the peoples of our world that you are the courageous first line of a walk for freedom which cannot be

stopped. Will you, with the rising of each mornings' sun, walk from your local mosque, and local church, and, yes, local synagogue, to the centre of your city, for ten minutes of prayer for your peace and freedom? Every morning. Every morning antil the freedom and independence you seek become reality.

Will you, now that you have the world stage, lay down the stones

Will you renounce the use of violence, and walk for your freedom every morning?

If you will do this; if you can do this; and peoples of the world will walk with you. In every city of the world where the government does not prevent it (and what government would dare today), friends of Palestinians, friends of freedom, will walk with

And every Friday morning, from every mosque in our common, world, the millions of Muslims who have watched their TV and felt your shared ache, and could no hothing, will get up and walk to their city centre to pray with you for your peace and freedom. And every Sunday morning, from every Christian church in our common world people will walk to their city centres to pray for the

freedom and independence of the Palestinian people. And, yes, every Saturday morning, from synagogues around this globe of Earth, people will walk to the city centre to pray for the peace and freedom of all the people within present day Israel, and the world.

By crossing the barriers to walk, in front of the TV cameras of the world; by thusly demonstrating the kind of responsibility required to establish and maintain a free republic of your own, through determination and non-violence; you will not only guarantee that the freedom and independence within your grasp is not torn from your hands be a few extremists, but you may well lead our world across the threshold of a new age in which human freedom and human dignity break down the walls of despotism and dictatorship.

or leaders, who will lead you to do this, the pages of history will record. again, another Shining Hour --- so very rare in human history - and its name will be: PALESTINIAN. And devotees of all faiths, for centuries to come, will call you

If you, my Palestinian friends, can do this. If you have a leader,

"blessed ones."

Khalid A. Abdulatif.

# 'Arabs out' movement gains big stake in French election

By Douglas Hamilton

MARSEILLE, France — "Arabs out" is the unabashed cry of National Front leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, who has emerged as a wild card in the final week of the French presidential election race.

His anti-immigrant stand powers a crude but politically potent movement which, on polling day next Sunday, is expected to mark the eclipse of France's Communists by the ultra-right. It is strongest here in Marseille,

which the Communists. in their heyday when they could garner 20 per cent of the French vote, once counted as a stronghold. "He has succeeded in taking an

argument that never was respectable in France and making it legitimate. That is why he is such a great threat," said anti-racism campaigner Dany Cohen, a Marseille lawyer and a Jew. A week from the first round of

the election, the port city is plastered from dockside to hilltop with the posters of Le Pen, who claims a leading 28 per cent of the city's electorate in his own party

He chose Marseille for his major campaign rally Sunday, hoping to fill the city football stadium with the biggest political turnout since Communist leaders Georges Marchais and Enrico Berlinguer spoke there in the early 1980s.

In Marseille, the immigrant presence is inescapable.

The scenery, as in Hollywood's crowded movie lots, switches abruptly from sparkling Mediterranean yacht harbour to shady and tumultuous North African souk.

The city is ringed by high-rise slums where Arab dress is a common sight, and at the airport the flights to Casablanca, Oran and Algiers are frequent and often full.

"There are six million immigrants in France, one million of

their children in our schools." Le Pen intones in a television campaign pitch promising to give France back to the French.

Official figures from 1985, the latest available, put the total at more like 4.5 million. After the Portuguese, the North Africans are the most numerous.

# Before and after

"Before Le Pen, these people use to hide their racism. Now they can flaunt it at you in the streets," said Hamid Aouameur, an Algerian immigrant political organiser, and an Arab.

The National Front, its antiracist opponents, Socialists and conservatives all acknowledge that people who used to vote Communist, not perhaps from Marxist ideology but out of protest, are switching in droves to Le

Barring a miracle, the blond self-styled "outsider" cannot win the presidency. He will be eliminated, along with six other alsorans. in the preliminary ballot on April 24 which narrows the election to a two-man runoff on May

The finalists are most likely to be Socialist incumbent President François Mitterrand and conservative Prime Minister Jacques Chirac. Mitterrand is favourite. But just as the Communists

helped Mitterrand to the pinnacle of power in 1981, now the National Front is being wooed for its votes in the second round, 1988 and could conceivably parlay a strong election showing into a role in government,

Le Pen's main condition would be the implementation of his immigrants-out policy, expelling illegal foreigners and forcing others to leave by putting them at a legal disadvantage in jobs, housing and social benefits.

He would, he says, not go as

far as to offer a choice between "the suitcase and the coffin." but an exodus would have to start or "we'll end up speaking Arabic in the Paris bourse. We stand with the

In the first flash of aggression

in an otherwise sleepy campaign, Chirac and Mitterrand clashed last week over immigration when the prime minister made a blatant overture to Le Pen sympathisers. In Lyon, another big city with a large immigrant population, he said a re-elected Mitterrand

would give foreigners the vote. Mitterrand replied that Chirac and Le Pen were as good as National polls give Le Pen up to 12.5 per cent, the front's high-

est, but he says his true strength is greater, because "voters who vote Le Pen don't dare to say when they are polled." He expects to take 15 to 20 per cent of the total ballot. He asserts

this puts him still in the right-ofcentre race along with Chirac and rival candidate Raymond Barre. and refuses to say whom he will endorse in the second round. But the hardline anti-Socialist is unlikely to back Mitterrand

even to spite Chirac, whom he

accuses of trying to steal his policy with remarks such as "I do not condone racism, but I can understand it" - said in Marseille. Marseille Socialist and anti-racism activist Frederic Rosmini cal-

led Le Pen "a big mouth" who had successfully exploited deep concern over mass unemployment, coming up with a simplistic answer which appealed to traditional protest voters. Le Pen would not win the presidency. Rosmini said, but in a

country where city hall opens the road to power, the National Front's performance on the local level next week could mark a historic stage in the evolution of France's new right, Rosmini, a director of the anti-

Fraternite, was busy in community halls last week organising an anti-Le Pen rally for Monday.

the oppressed' suffering. The following is the statement on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict issued by the World Council of Churches' executive committee meeting, held in Istanbul between March 7 and 12, 1988.

tee of the World Council of Churches, meeting in Istanbul (7-12 March 1988), received reports on the situation in the occupied territories. From WCC representatives who visited the area, it heard stories of the agony and suffering of the Palestinian people and of their determination to attain their legitimate rights through a generally peaceful but costly struggle. ieries on both sides of the con-

2. The popular uprising in the occupied territories, which has entered the fourth month, reflects a new stage in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The recent events have shown clearly that the occupation cannot be prolonged. The excessive violence used by Israeli authorities to suppress the uprising deserves strong condemnation by the international community. The uprising which is an expression of the will for national self-determination is being treated as a law and order problem and dealt with by "force." might and beatings."

3. The Executive Committee supports the historic statement of the heads of the Christian communities of Jerusalem which said: "We stand with the suffering and the oppressed, we stand with the refugees and the deported, with the distressed and the victims of racist Movement Marseille injustice, we stand with those

who mourn and the bereaved. 1. THE EXECUTIVE Commitwith the hungry and the poor ... The recent events are also a visible expression of our people's aspirations to achieve their legal rights and the realisation of their hopes" (Jordan Times Jan. 28-29,

4. There is a new opportunity and urgency for peace-making today through a comprehensive solution. Both sides have to seize the opportunity and take risks to make peace, as prolongation of the conflict will have catastrophic consequences. Mutuai recognition of the Israeli and Palestinian peoples and of their rights on the basis of equality is the only guarantee for peace and security in the region.

5. The Executive Committee calls for the immediate convening of the International Peace Conference on the Middle East alone the lines proposed by the United Nations, bringing together representatives of the state of Israel, the Palestine Liberation Organisation, neighbouring Arab states and members of the U.N. Security Council to take urgent steps for the implementation of the rights of the Palestinians including the right of establishing a. sovereign Palestinian state. The conference should also take steps to offer peace, recognition and security to Israel in return for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories thus ensuring the

genuine national security interests and mutually interdependent self-determination of both .: the Palestinian and Israeli peo-

6. The Executive Committee urges the member churches - to give very high priority to efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestiman conflict; — to mobilise support for the

international conference; - to affirm solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggle for justice:

— to support movements and communities within Israel which are working for peace and recon-

ciliation: - to promote dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian people and among Jews, Muslims and Christians;

— to bring pressure upon the government of Israel, through diplomatic and other measures, for negotiations, within the framework of the international conference.

It further calls upon the member churches

— to support the efforts of the Middle East Council of Churches and churches in the area in humanitarian programmes and in the work for justice and peace; - to support the CICARWS

appeal for emergency needs in w the occupied territories; - to uphold in their interces...

sions all those affected by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; to continue to pray for peace; in the Holy Land.

kidnapping.

# Dissident cleric blasts Khomeini

NEW YORK (R) — A top Ira-nian cleric has blasted Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and said Iranian dergymen were moderates seeking rapprochement with the West, Newsweck International said in its latest edition.

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Ayatollah Mehdi Rouhani, France-based European spokesman for Iran's grand ayatoliahs, told the magazine:

"(Iranian spiritual leader) Khomeini is an extremist, a revolutionary. And if he has created a following abroad it is not because he is a man of God; but because he is an extremist who has no fear of the West."

"He realises that the majority of Iran's cieries have begun to turn against bim because Khomeini's Islam does not cor-

Reagan, experts say.

potentially damaging evidence.

to forgive the defendants.

without taking action.

Gerhard Gesell.

to the public.

By Larry Margasak

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The timing of the Iran-contra

criminal trial of Oliver North and John Poindexter

could play a major role in determining public

reaction to a possible pardon by President Ronald

rial or post-trial pardon - if Reagan should decide

to take such a course — would be more acceptable

Some of the university professors and senators

interviewed by the Associated Press said pardons

before trial would be more acceptable. This way,

the prosecution would not get a chance to bring out

an immediate assumption of guilt, and they sug-

gested that Reagan await a conviction if he wants

If there is no trial or verdict by next January,

The issue is not merely an academic argument,

because the trial date is a hotly contested pretrial

matter in the courtroom of U.S. District Judge

Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh said last

week he would be ready for trial in July. But the

defence lawyers sought a March 1989 trial date for

North, a former National Security Council (NSC)

staff member; former National Security Advisor

Poindexter; and two men recruited by North,

retired air force Major-General Richard Second

The four face charges that they stole government

property as they conducted secret arms sales to

Iran and aided the Nicaraguan contras after the

The 23-count indictment charges the four ran the

Iran-contra affair as a broad criminal conspiracy to

defraud the government and to cover up their

actions. North, Secord, and Hakim are accused of

and his business partner, Albert Hakim.

U.S. Congress had banned such assistance.

enriching themselves in the process.

according to this view, Reagan should leave office

But others said pardons before trial would bring

However, the experts disagree whether a pret-

respond to the Islam we revere. He follows an Islam that promones hostage takings and hijackings," Roubani was quoted as

I can tell you that the majority of the Iranian clergy is moderate and favours a rapprochement with the West. "The real danger to

(Khomeini's) regime comes not from the army or the United States or Iraq, but from the clergy. This is why if I was forced to return to Iran today I know I would be executed."

Last week the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), believed to hold most of the Western hostages in Lebanon, asked that France expel Rouhani in exchange for the release of French

Timing of Iran-contra trial

crucial for possible pardons

Rouhani told Newsweek an emissary from French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac's office

had asked him if he would be willing to leave France. "I am ready to leave France immediately, without bitterness. without reproach, if my depar-

ture can contribute to freeing all the hostages in Lebanon. Rouhani told Newsweek. "I am willing to become a

hostage in their place. It is time that a man of God, a member of the clergy — or even just a simple believer — confronted these kidnappers. Only in this way can we clear the name of Islam, which has been unjustly sullied by their

Taking the view that a pretrial pardon would be

the right course. Walter Dellinger, a Duke Uni-

versity law professor, said: "If the prosecution can

prove the heart of this case, which is more about

embezzlement than aiding the contras, pardons

Dellinger added: "This may look like a very

different case after trial than it did after the

congressional hearings, one the public is far less

'Tougher to justify'

member of to Senate Judiciary Committee, said

pardons would be "tougher to justify" before trial.

the time" if pardoned before trial, Grassley sug-

gested. If the trial has not begun when Reagan

leaves office in January, Grassley said, the defen-

dants would "have to rely on the good will of

pardoning any of the defendants. On April 6,

presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said: "I

have raised the issue with the president four or five times myself. I've heard it raised by others, and

every time the president says the same thing, which

pardons would be easier before a trial to "spare

America this pain" of reliving the Iran-contra

affair in the courtroom. Hatch was a member of

the University of North Carolina, said the worst

scenario for Reagan would be if a trial was under

way at the time he's ready to leave office next

tion for a pardon," he said. "That would really

produce a cry of outrage. It would particularly

"That would create an all but impossible situa-

William Leuchtenburg, professor of history at

Sen. Orrin Hatch, another Republican, said

is, 'I'm not discussing pardons'."

the Senate Iran-contra committee.

Reagan has not taken an official position on

Senator Charles Grassley, a Republican who is a

The defendants would be "presumed guilty all

likely to view charitably."

another president."

will cause a much greater storm (after trial)."

A federation founder-member. Baderuddin Al Shallah, told Reu-

# Hassan II dispenses locust fighters from fast

RABAT (AP) - King Hassan II, acting in his role as religious leader of Morocco, issued a dispensation from the annual Ramadan fast to all people involved in the fight against the swarms of locusts invading

North Africa. Several years ago, the king also exempted soldiers fighting against Polisurio guerrillas in the former Spanish Sahara from the daytime fasting obligations of Ramadan.

"We, Hassan Ibn Mohammad, Amir Al Maminin, authorise those who are waging the struggle against the locusts, specifically personnel of civil defence, civil and military airplane crews and all those who are working at their sides, not to observe the fast during the mooth of Ramadan," the king declared in a religious decision Sunday night.

In announcing his decision, the king stressed that those fighting against the locusts "are acting in the same way as the soldiers stationed on our borders who are watching over the security and interests of the nation."

### disturb the legal community by taking something away from the legal process, and undercutting the

Iraqis retake Fao town

(Continued from page 1) Iraq also said launched more missiles against Iran Monday, firing two at Oom and one each at Tehran and

Shiraz. Iran reported several people killed in the early morning attack on Qom. An Iraqi military spokesman said an Iranian missile hit Baghdad at 4:20 p.m. (1220 GMT), killing or wounding a number of civilians and destroying property.

Kuwait denies Iranian charge

Kuwait meanwhile dismissed as untrue Iranian allegations that Kuwait's Bubiyan Island was used by the Iraqi forces in their onslaught on Fao.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman cautioned that the Iranian allegations implied aggressive intentions against

"Kuwait has been watching with deep regret the allegations by the Iranian media about Bubiyan being used in launching military operations against Iranian forces in the Iraqi Fao peninsula," the spokesman said in a statement distributed by the Kuwait

He said that "Kuwait has categorically denied it had allowed the use of a single inch of its territory in any

respect of this tragic war" between Iran and Iraq. The spokesman said the denial was

'communicated anew" to the Iranian government through diplomatic channels during a meeting early Sunday between Foreign Ministry Under-Secretary Sulciman Majed Al Shaheen and Iranian charge d'affaires Mohammad Faroughy.

January.

judge and jury."

He added that Kuwait was hoping "the Iranian media will discontinue these baseless accusations, the repetition of which are indicative of premeditated intentions by Iran to commit new aggression on Kuwait under such groundless pretexts."

IRNA cartier quoted a war information headquarters spokesman as saving Iraq's alleged use of Bubiyan showed Kuwait was "practi-

cally siding with" Iraq in the war. Tehran Radio quoted the spokesman as saying Kuwait had "breached good neighbourliness and put Bubiyan Island at the disposal of

"This act shows the blatant support of Kuwait for the Iraci regime." the spokesman said. "Obviously the Kowaiti government only stands to lose from this hostile act.

Kuwait said Iranian gunboats attacked Bubiyan Island March 30 and wounded two Kuwaiti military personnel in what was the first direct involvement of the emirate's forces in the Iran-Iraq war. Iran denied that attack took place and Kuwaiti leaders tried to play it down, indicating that

they wanted to defuse tension.

"She came back shouting, crying 'I was wounded'," the

mother-in-law, Farida Nimer Dib. told the AP in an interview in the family's three-room home "She fell on the floor and I held

her in my arms... suddenly I saw blood coming out of her mouth Then her arms dropped and she died." Did said.

The woman was buried in hastily arranged funeral attended

by about 300 mourners who shouted threatening slogans like "stones are as strong as guns," told the AP. Soldiers used teargas to disperse the crowd.

The army said soldiers shot and killed a 20-year-old Palestinian during a demonstration in the Rafah. Reports identified the victim as Mohammad Zereb.

The fatalities brought to 167 the number of Palestinians killed in four and a half months of the uprising, according to U.N. figures. Two Israelis also have

been killed. Israel issued closure orders to the weekly magazine al Awdah. published in English and Arabic. The occupation authorities claimed it was funded and directed by "terrorist" organisa-

who denied the allegations.

monitoring service which the government closed last month.

(Continued from page 1) U.S. warships first struck the Sassan platform in the southern

attacked the Nasr platform off the nearby Sirri Island, it said. attacking the economic installations of Iran at the Nasr and Sassan oil platforms... is become

involved in a serious war with Muslim Iranians," Tehran Radio The U.S. attacks seemed to send Iranian gunboats in the re-

gion on a rampage, attacking the oil facilities and commercial vessels at the Mubarak oilfield off the southern Gulf emirate of Sharjah, and hours later a Cypriot freighter sailing out from the United Arab Emirates with a

load of fertilisers. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci

fired upon during the raid on the News Agency (IRNA) said the platforms but was not hit. In addition, a press helicopter carrying an NBC television crew and an AP photographer was fired at but missed, and occupants were reported safe. said the "Iranians fired at least half a dozen 50-calibre rounds and small arms fire" at the press chopper.

He said the Sirri-D oil platform partly collapsed in the water and was ablaze shortly before sundown. Sassan, he said, was badly damaged "but the main structure was still standing, and the fire was put out by five Iranian tugbouts, which also fired

at our helicopter." sources in Dubai reported.

cruiser Wainwright, one of the ships that attacked Sassan and Sirri-D. The U.S. frigate Simpson returned fire and sank the Iranian boat.

### food self-sufficiency use food as a political weapon if Arabs continued to eat more

Shallah said the conference

Shallah, president of the Syrian

urged a series of joint projects to

meet the basic food needs of

Union of Chambers of Com-

Arah World should have a joint

strategy to beat obstacles to grea-

merce and industry, said the

Arab countries.

ter production.

DAMASCUS (R) — The Arab World, which now imports around \$30 billion worth of food than they produced. a year, must learn to feed itself.

Arab meeting urges

That was the message from 400 members of the Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture, meeting in Damascus for their 30th confer-

It also called on governments to set up a strategic food reserve on which any Arab country could draw and to protect and strengthen agriculture.

"Studies have shown that our food imports now stand at \$30 billion and this could reach \$200 billion in the next few years." one official of the 21-country federa-

ters that exporting nations might

#### He said the Arabs now imported a large slice of world food exports — 33 per cent of wheat and cereals. 32 per cent of poultry, 78 per cent of sheep and goat meat and 18 per cent of milk. He said studies presented to

the conference stressed the need to achieve food security and showed this was possible. "First we have to achieve economic integration and then we

will have all resources to achieve our objective," Shallah said. Those resources include 33 per cent of world oil production and 52 per cent of known reserves, 30 per cent of phosphate production and more than 50 per cent of reserves. he said.

Shallah, 83, is a founder member of the Beirut-based federation, set up in Egypt in 1950.

He called for an Arab common market on European lines to promote economic integration and speed commercial and industrial development.

"We called for setting up the Arab market when the European Community was just an idea." he

"It hurts us as Arabs that Europe with all its differences and contradictions succeeded, while we were unable to achieve our objective."

# Falange radio says captors killed Higgins

BEIRUT (AP) — Kidnapped U.S. Marine Lieutenant-Colonel William Higgins has been killed by his pro-Iranian captors in South Lebanon, a rightistcontrolled radio station reported Monday.

The Beirut-based Voice of Lebanon of President Amin Gemayel's rightist Falange Party. said Higgins was "killed and buried by his captors" in the southern Lebanese village of Sid-

The Voice of Lebanon has a record of frequent inaccuracies on hostage affairs in Lebanon. Monday's report about Higgins could not be independently veri-

The radio said the killing took place hours before militiamen of Justice Minister Nabih Berri's Amai movement captured Siddigine from Iranian-backed Hizbollah supporters, apparently to keep Amal from claiming credit for his liberation.

Amal and Hizbollah spokesmen in Beirut withheld comment. The two groups have been at loggerheads since Higgins, 43, was abducted near the southern port of Tyre Feb. 17.

Siddigine, 14 kilometres southeast of Tyre, has been a Hizbollah stronghold before Amal crushed its fundamentalist rivals in a four-day crackdown early this

"It's the first time I hear about it," said Timur Goksel, spokesman for the U.N. Interim Force In Lebanon (UNIFIL) with which Higgins was serving when he was grabbed. "But we'll check it out." He spoke by telephone from UNIFIL's headquarters in Nagoura on the Lebanese-Israeli

Amal backs the presence of the U.N. peace-keeping force in predominantly Shi ite South Lebanon, which is opposed by Hizboliah, (Party of God).

abduction to undermine its control of predominantly South Lebanon. Hizbollah, an umbrella for pro-Iranian extremist factions which

lah masterminded Higgins'

for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Both the United States and United Nations have denied the charge. Amal spokesman had said their Amul has charged that Hizbol-

fighters found no trace of Higgins in any of the Hizbollah strongholds they have captured including Siddigine and Jibsheet, which is 50 kilometres east of Tyre.

strongly in support of Higgins'

The abduction was claimed by

a group calling itself the Orga-

nisation of the Oppressed on

Earth, which charged that Hig-

gins used his position as part of

U.N. peacekeeping forces to spy

There had been several Amal reports before the crackdown hold most of the 22 foreign hosthat Higgins was being held either tages in Lebanon, came out at Jibsheet or Siddigine.

# PLO accuses Israel of Hague office burglary

THE HAGUE (Agencies) — The Dutch representative for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Monday blamed Israel for vandalising his office in an attack which came only hours after the Tunis slaving of PLO deputy military commander Khalil Al Wazir.

"It's part of the irresponsible measures Israel and its agents are taking." said PLO representative Afif Safieh of the attack early Sunday, in which unknown burglars ransacked a filing cabinet and daubed paint on the office walls.

Nobody has claimed responsibility for the incident, nor were there any arrests, according to Hague police spokesman Daan van Tilburg. The attackers had smashed through a steel blind and a window to enter the PLO's Hague office shortly before 12:30 a.m. local time (2230 GMT Saturday), according to van Tilburg.

Safieh added the vandals had painted the star of David, the traditional Jewish symbol, on several office walls and smeared paint on a picture of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

They had also broken into a filing cabinet and emptied its contents onto the floor, he said, adding that nothing appeared stolen.

# Economic woes fan discontent in Turkey

By John Owen-Davies

ANKARA — Swept back to power less than six months ago, Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is today beset by growing discontent, reflected in opinion polls showing electors dramatically deserting his cause.

Last November, his Motherland Party won 292 seats in the expanded 450-seat parliament. The main opposition party won 99 seats.

Soundings of the electorate's views late last month showed a slump in support for the ruling party, with some putting it behind the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party (SHP) for the first time.

The stumbling economy with the effects of 70 per cent annual inflation on the country's 52 million people, and a growing foreign debt burden is a central focus of general discontent. And Ozal faces trouble from organised labour and within the lossely-knit Motherland Party.

"Ozal has to tread a very narrow line if democracy is to thrive," one political source said. "There is no major alarm at the moment, just signals saying the economy must be put

Political analysts see no immediate threat to Ozal, an astute economic free-marketeer who applied 12 months ago for Turkey to become a full member of the European Community (EC).

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**Turgut Ozal** 

Last November's election which returned the conservative Ozal to office was the most open poll since the 1980 army coup crushed extremist political violence.

Economic problems and political chaos led to military interventions in 1960, 1972 and 1980, and some Turks now talk openly about possibilities of intervention 10 years after the last coup.

Many officials and diplomats. however, scorn such talk. "Those who analyse Turkey in 10-year cycles can be dismissed," a senior diplomat said. "Political polarisation no lon-

ger exists and Ozal has made some irrevocable changes. All the same, something must be done about the economy... the army is now back in barracks. It only intervenes with great repugnance," he said.

Bankers and economists largely blame Ozal for the present economic situation, saving he gave free rein to the economy before November's general election and a referendum that lifted bans on politicians blamed for the pre-1980 chaos.

"Ozal let the economy run free last year to help create a favourable atmosphere before the referendum and the election. Now the penalty is being paid," one banker said. Since the election, Ozal has

announced price rises of up to 100 per cent on state-run goods and services, including petrol. travel and food, mainly to cut a budget deficit which totalled 2,157 billion lira (\$1.72 billion) in 1987.

The latest increase was March 28 when the cost of petrol and petroleum products were increased by 23 per cent, the fourth rise in as many months.

Ozal, underlining his determination in dealing with the economy, told reporters this month: "We shall do whatever is necessary... if this means price hikes we shall do so. If it means (more) taxes we shall bring taxes."

"The government is at a loss in the face of galloping inflations," SHP leader Erdal Inonu told reporters. "If it goes on like this it will rise to three digit levels by the end of the year.

Foreign debt, currency Apart from inflation. Tur-

kev's foreign debt rose sharply! last year to \$38.3 billion from **\$31.33** billion in 1986, putting added pressure on the budget. At the same time Turkey's lira has continued to fall against the dollar — to 1,250 to the U.S. currency compared with

751 at the beginning of 1987 —

putting goods in some shops in

Ankara and Istanbul out of the reach of many people. The prices of imported furniture, cosmetics, clothes and electronic equipment are constantly rising because of the

lira's depreciation. An opinion poll in the masscirculation daily Sabah showed the Motherland Party would win 24 per cent of the vote: against 25 per cent for the SHP. itself hit by a leadership crisis. if an election were held now. More than 20 per cent were

undecided. A poll in the daily Hurright: showed nearly 60 per cent vi Turks believed they would be even worse off in 1992 than

Trade unions, seeking to retrieve some of the clout they had in the 1970s, plan mass strikes next month if demands. including raising the minimum wage of 74,500 lira (\$60) a

month, are not met. Political bickering Talk about possible intervention in Turkish politics was fuelled by Motherland deputy head Mehmet Kececiler after acrimonious parliamentary de-

bates and opposition charges of

**CHINESE** 

government high-handedness.

# Abu Jihad to be buried in Syria

(Continued from page 1)

Israeli government. Abu Jihad, who was in charge of commando raids against Israel and the PLO's support for the current Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, had been an exile since his early teens, when his family fled from

Palestine. He had a home in Damascus, where his parents still live.

The funeral plans prompted speculation that Abu Jihad's death might bring about a faceto-face meeting of Assad and Arafat. If this happened it would cap months of discreet contacts aimed at their reconciliation. On Monday Arafat went with Abu Jihad's widow and other members of the family to a Tunis hospital, where the assassinated

to pay their respects, witnesses quoted by Reuter said. Abu Jihad's family emerged weeping afterwards and police prevented newsmen from photographing them and Arafat, the

military commander's body lay,

witnesses said. U.S. 'complicity' A semior PLO official meanwhile made a thinly-veiled

accusation of U.S. complicity in the killing. "It would not be strange that

the U.S. administration is an accomplice," Bassam Abu Sharif, an Arafat adviser, told Reuters. "Actually, our information is that when (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Shamir visited Washington (earlier this year) he was given the green light "

U.S. condemns killing The United States Monday condemned the assassination of Abu Jihad and said it had nothing

to do with his murder. "The United States condemns this act of political assassination," State Department spokesman Charles Redman told reporters. "The United States government had no knowledge of nor

was it involved in any way in this assassination," he added. Despite his condemnation of Wazir's killing, Redman declined to brand it specifically a terrorist

statement and I think that speaks very clearly," he said. But he stressed: "Violence is not the solution to the problems of the Middle East."

"I've given you a definitive

# Israelis kill 3 more Arabs (Continued from page 1)

17 Palestinians were killed. The Israeli army said 28 Palestinian reugee camps, towns or cities were either under curfew

or closed to journalsits. Hospital officials said a teenage Palestinian girl was shot dead in Gaza city Monday during a protest march in the Zeitoun district on the last of three days of mourning declared by the Higher

Islamic Council. For the second successive day, fournalists and cameramen were barred from entering most of the occupied territories.

Reports said two Palestinians were seriously wounded in the West Bank town of Jenin in a clash that began when Israeli occupation officials arrived to de-

molish illegally built houses. In Jerusalem, police arrested several Arab students demonstrating on the campus of Hebrew University against the killing of

Abu Jihad. In Gaza City, a 30-year-old mother of six was killed as she tried to gather her children indoors because Israeli soldiers were clashing on a nearby street with protesters burning tyres, the woman's mother-in-law said.

Aidah Othman Totah, whose children range in age from nine months to 11 years, managed to get three inside and went out

looking for the rest.

The magazine was given until May 1 to appeal, said Elias Zananiri, a Awdah's managing editor, The magazine is published by the same Palestinians who ran the Palestine Press Service, a daily

# U.S., Iranian forces clash

Gulf at 9 a.m. (0500 GMT). Twenty-three minutes later they

"The criminal America, by

said an American helicopter also was AP photographer Norbert Schiller

Two Iranian warplanes tried to harass an American warship but were forced to turn tail in the face of missile fired by the vessel, shipping They said that an Iranian patrol boat fired on but missed the U.S.

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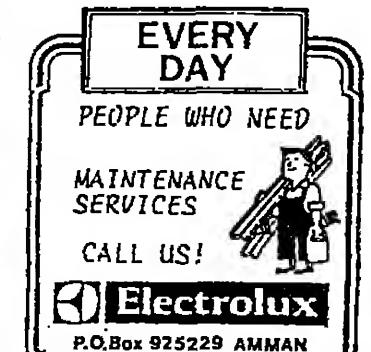
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# Aquino aims for 'economic miracle'

MANILA (R) — President Corazon Aquino said Monday she aimed to turn the Philippines into Asia's "next economic miracle" and said the economy was now her number one priority.

Economic recovery was more important than recapturing fugitive revolt leader Gregorio Honasan and was an integral part of ending the 19-year-old communist insurgency, Aquino told a rare news conference.

Honasan "is still a priority but for me a higher priority is economic development," she said.

The Philippine economy grew by 5.7 per cent last year and is forecast to grow by between six and 6.5 per cent in 1988.

Clearly buoyed by her four-day trip to China and Hong Kong, Aquino said she would push ahead with a planned visit to Switzerland and Italy in June and hinted she might make other trips to help project a positive image of stability in the Philippines.

"The conditions for Philippine progress are nearly all in place," she said on her return late Sunday from her first trip outside the country in 18 months.

Diplomats and political analysts polled by Reuters rate Honasan, who led an almost successful army revolt against Aquino last August, as a major potential threat to Aquino while he remains at large.

But Aquino brushed the renegade colonel aside and said she was not afraid of taking risks. "If you do not take risks there

is no way for you to improve," she declared.

Aquino hailed the capture of three top communist rebel leaders as major breakthrough and said the government would follow up through military drives and economic initiatives.

"It has to be both a military and an economic solution to the problem," she said.

The Philippine president, who has struggled through two years of coup plots and political turmoil to reintroduce democracy after she replaced ousted strongman president Ferdinand Marcos in early 1986, gave few details of her economic recovery programme. "We have so much to do to

catch up with our neighbours," she said of her impoverished Aguino said she wanted to

boost the Philippines to a more prominent role in South East Asia and said its return to democracy was an example to the

She hailed local businessmen for showing increasing willingness to keep their money in the country, giving a lead to "the rest of the world which watches and waits to see if Filipinos will show confidence in this administra-

The foreign media, she said, should shift its focus from coup rumours and the insurgency "to give us a boost, to help us in our efforts of nation rebuilding."

Aquino did not say if continuing to host two major American military facilities would form part of a Philippine bid for a greater regional presence.

"We will respect the bases agreement until 1991 (when the

On the future price trends,

Herrington said: "There will be

small ups and downs in oil prices,

and if anything I think there is a

would help to stabilise prices

which had fallen steadily since the

foreign correspondents.

start of this year.



Corazon Aquino

25-year-old agreement runs out) and after that will be a different matter," she said.

Several politicians have recently called for a national referendum on the future of Clark air base and Subic naval base but Aquino would not give her own opinion on a poll, saying it was a matter for congress.

#### JAMPCO chief explains responsibilities, policies USSR ranks highest importer AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Pro-

of Saudi wheat cessing Company (JAMPCO) Director General Ghazi Abu ABU DHABI (OPECNA) — Hassan said Monday that The Soviet Union purchased company has no role to play in 172,000 tons of wheat from Saudi fixing the volume or the prices of Arabia during the first quarter of vegetables and fruits in local marthis year, placing the country at the top of the kingdom's wheat The Jordanian government has

importers. This represents the largest single share of the country's wheat exports of 576,000 tons.

According to the Saudi ministry of agriculture and water, demand for Saudi wheat early this year remained high. It added that all quantities, except a load of 67,000 tons for the Soviet Union, had already been shipped to their destinations.

The ministry noted that Indonesia ranked the second highest importer taking 62,000 tons during the period, followed by China 52,210 tons.

production. The company, he added, has stored these quantities of pota-

toes for a time of scarcity. Now, he said, potatoes are being sold at the rate of 130 fils per kilogramme for the consumers.

Referring to garlic, Abu Hassan said that the company has received no quantities from local farmers and left them the option of selling their crop in the local markets but the company had to offer for sale its own imported quantities of garlic by the end of February at a time when local production was low.

Refinery instals fuel

tanks, awards tender

additional pumping station and

setting up a storage facility for

more quantities of oil products in

The company also plans to set

up a station for loading and un-

loading fuel tanker trucks and

installing heat control facilities at

the gas cylinder plant, the direc-

He said the company now plans

to develop its present water

drainage systems and build re-

taining walls around the com-

JPRC's production of oil pro-

ducts last year amounted to

2,404,533 tonnes, an increase by

six per cent over the previous

sales of oil products last year

amounted to 2,972,260 tonnes,

He said that the company's

According to the director, the

tor added.

pany's installations.

year's production.

oil from the Tapline Company of registering four per cent increase

Saudi Arabia through building an over 1986's figures.

ZARQA (Petra) - Most of the

fuel and crude oil tanks to be

added to the Jordan Petroleum

Refinery Co.'s (JPRC's) facilities

have been installed and the com-

pany has awarded a tender to a

local company for bottling liquid

gas, the company's general mana-

He said that 90 per cent of the

work on installing the tanks,

which have a total capacity of

247,000 cubic metres, has been

completed and the overall cost

was expected to reach JD 3.571

The director said that the local

company has been entrusted with

bottling liquid gas in Amman and

in Irbid at the cost of ID

company is currently studying a

plan to increase the JPRC's

capacity of absorbing more crude

confined the company's authority

to dealing with potatoes, oinions,

garlic and apples in addition to

purchasing the surplus of locally

produced tomatoes for processing

The company, he noted, tries

at its plants, Abn Hassan said.

to make these commodities avail-

able in the local markets all the

time and at reasonable prices,

taking into account the interests

of the producers and the consum-

Abu Hassan said that JAMP-

CO received a total of 5,200

tonnes of potatoes during the

current agricultural season and

paid for them at subsidised rates

to give encouragement for local

ers at the same time.

According to the director, the

ger announced Monday.

million.

3,896,146.

Garlic is now available in the local markets at the rate of 300 fils a kilogramme, Abn Hassan

He said onions are also sufficiently available in the local markets at the rate of 170-200 fils a kilogramme for the consumers and the company has not offered for sale any of its stored onions since March to allow the local farmers to market their fresh products directly in the local mar-

Abu Hassan noted that JAMP-CO has made available two types of apples in the Jordanian markets. The Lebanese type, sold at 300 fils a kilogramme, and the French type, sold at 420 fils a kilogramme.

He said that the local markets currently have insufficient amounts of tomatoes but this is due largely due to the delay in the ripening of the new crops because of the weather conditions.

# LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Monday.

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### WORLD FINANCIAL MARKETS

SYDNEY - Prices closed higher in thin-trading, despite early nervousness and fears of follow-on selling from Friday's solid loss. The All Ordinaries Index rose 13.7 to 1,450.7.

TOKYO — Prices closed sharply lower in moderate trading on concerns over Wall Street's plunge last week. The Nikkei Index fell 222.12 to 26,671.45.

HONG KONG — Prices closed sharply lower on mounting afternoon selling pressure in sympathy with the weakness in Tokyo. The Hang Seng Index fell 46.99 to 2.551.96.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed marginally lower on lack of follow-through buying and sporadic profit-taking in lethargic trading. The Straits Times Industrial Index slipped 2.72 to 930.72. BOMBAY — Market closed for religious festival. Reopens

Tuesday. FRANKFURT — Prices edged up from a lower opening to close mixed but turnover was low as most investors remained sidelined. The Commerzbank Index, calculated at mid-session, was up 3.5 at

1,389.8. ZURICH — Market closed for local holiday.

PARIS — Prices were firmer but off the day's highs in view of Wall Street's lower opening. The 50-share bourse indicator was up by 0.07 pct.

LONDON - Prices lost ground after the Bank of England disappointed the market by not signalling a cut in British base rates. The FTSE-100 Index at 1438 GMT was up 9.5 at 1.788.1.

# Gulf clashes boost spot oil price

LONDON (R) — The price of North Sea oil hit four-month highs Monday after fresh hostilities in the Gulf.

Brent, the most widely-traded blend on the free or "spot" market, traded more than 50 cents a barrel higher than Friday's close at \$17.60 a barrel for June loading, market sources said.

This was its highest since the start of the year.

The rise was prompted by news that U.S. warships and helicopters Monday attacked two Iranian oil platforms in the Gulf in retaliation for a mine blast which crippled a U.S. frigate.

Last week, prices powered ahead after jumping more than \$1 on market speculation that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC would agree on production cuts when they meet in Vienna next week.

BAHRAIN (R) — Land re-

claimed from shallow Gulf waters

has radically altered the face of

this cosmopolitan island state —

A building and reclamation

boom sparked by oil wealth in the

1970s has left behind graveyards

bathrooms and accessones

bedrooms and accessories

but at a price.

On April 9, OPEC's price market," he told a meeting of monitoring committee announced it would meet with several non-OPEC countries to discuss ways of stabilising weak world crude oil prices.

in early March, the price of Brent dipped to a 16-month low beneath \$14 a barrel because of high stocks and over-supply on the world market.

U.S. energy official sees nothing dramatic in oil meeting

In Singapore, U.S. Energy Secretary John Herrington said Monday a meeting of world oil producers called this month in Vienna is unlikely to achieve any-

thing dramatic. "The meeting is more of a psychological event and we will not see dramatic changes on the

downward pressure on the oil Oil industry sources said they expected the Vienna meeting

> Herrington said there was "a lot of oil around." Many countries must sell a certain volume of oil, such as Nigeria and also Iran and Iraq, to finance their eightvear old war. Herrington said the surplus

situation was unlikely to change in the short-term. "I can't think of a cartel that

has been successful (in deciding prices) without the cooperation of the buyers," he said.

Land reclamation harms agriculture in Bahrain apartment blocks. Two manmade islands form part of a 25-

Harm to environment

"Reclamation has destroyed most of Bahrain's mangrove swamp areas which are vital nursery grounds for shrimp, small fish and birds," said American Walter Vreeland, adviser to Bahrain's Environmental Protec-

He said the expansion boom in the last 1970s probably also killed hundreds of date palms now standing desolately near Tubli Bay on the north-east coast.

# U.S. steps up agricultural export subsidies WASHINGTON (R) — Stimu-

lated by strong demand for U.S. farm products abroad and by a trade policy designed to bring competitors to the bargaining table, the United States has been subsidising crop exports at a

blistering rate. This year has seen a sharp increase in u.S. farm exports through a subsidy programme that gives exporting companies government-owned commodities to compensate them for offering grain at a discount to their overseas buyers.

The United States has given \$1.8 billion worth of commodities to exporters who made \$4.15 billion in grain sales since the volume this year, to 142.5 million -ates, a trade promotion groupprogramme began in June 1985. More than 60 per cent of the business has come since October

Last week alone, the United States offered one million tonnes of subsidised wheat to the Soviet Union, and two million tonnes to

China. Most of the subsidies have been for wheat, which faces more market competition than corn. About 90 per cent of U.S. wheat and wheat flour exports this year have been subsidised.

The subsidies are a major factor behind a projected 10 per cent increase in U.S. farm-export

A combination of factors has fuelled the beavy activity. The United States for the mo-

ment is the only major wheat exporter with enough good-quality wheat to meet demand. "The United States is kind of in the catbird seat," said Randy Russell, an agricultural consultant who represents several major grain exporters.

The European Community had a poor quality crop in 1987. And Canada and Australia are essentially sold out, industry sources

has been strong.

The Soviet Union used much of the poor-quality wheat crop it grew last year as animal feed. then went abroad for milling wheat, said Winston Wilson, president of U.S. Wheat Associ-

China reportedly has been driven by strong domestic demand into the world wheat markets. India is expected to seek subsidised wheat to help recoverfrom a severe drought.

Moreover, the United States remains determined to use the subsidies to keep pressure on the European Community's (EC) own farm programme. The United States hopes to

persuade the EC to agree on farm subsidy reductions at the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade The U.S. subsidies have the effect of forcing world prices low-Demand from major buyers er and causing the EC to spend

more on its farm supports. "We're challenging the European Community and we intend to do. so until we get an agreement, said an agriculture department trade official, who spoke on condition he not be identified.

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underground water lifeline to the which added 14 square kilometres island's crops. The rising water table, brought

on by the addition of large chunks of coastland, also threatens to engulf 5,000-year old ruins and a 16th century Portuguese fort. Government officials say the

of dead palm forest and hit an overall effects of reclamation —

unforeseen problems. plan could cope," said Habib UNFURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT

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of land to this small island were positive, because it made room for a rapidly expanding population of 420,000. But they concede the multi-

million dollar projects happened rapidly and piecemeal, creating "The boom came so fast no one

Hassan, head of the housing ministry's planning directorate.

Reuters. Most of the multi-story office

kilometre causeway linking Bahrain to the Saudi mainland.

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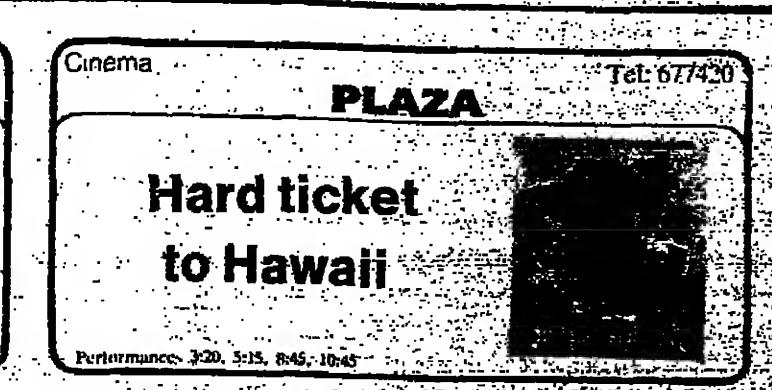
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# Navratilova blitzes Sabatini in tennis final

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida (R) --- Second seed Martina - Navraulove won her lifth straight title Sunday when she crushed thirdseed Gabriela Sabatini 6-0, 6-2 in the final of the \$300,000 Florida

Clay Court Championships.

Naviatilova, ranked second in the world, has compiled a 30-1 record this year with her only loss coming at the hands of long time rival Chris Event in the semifinals of the Australian Open in

The crowd had high hopes for a dramatic final following Sabatam's brilliant come-from-behind victory over-West German world number one Steffi Graf in the semifinals Saturday. But the 17year-old Argentine never had a chance Sunday.

Seoul Olympic Games without

Fatima Whitbread, Daley

rest of Britain's track and field

hard not to.

medals for Britain.

Olympic officials are trying

Yet that could be scenario if

this country's national track fed-

eration refuses to drop runner

Zola Budd from its roster four

years after helping to bring her

here from South Africa to win

In six days, the British

Amateur Athletics Board

(BAAB) will announce whether

it has agreed to comply with a

request from its governing body

to bar Budd for at least 12 months

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importance of the opening lead. On

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opening bid has become exceedingly

popular in modern tournament

play. In its most widely used ver-

sion, it is made on a solid minor

suit, usually at least seven cards long

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Opening lead: ?

Boulder, to victory.

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**GOREN BRIDGE** 

AN ACE IN TIME

Navratilova controlled the 53minute match by approaching the net at every possible opportunity and refused to allow Sabatini to find her rhythm from the base-

The 31-year-old Navratilova dropped only 11 points in the 26-minute first set.

Sabatini, ranked fifth in the world, held her serve to open the second set and reached break point on Navratilova's serve in the second game. However, Sabatini squandered the opportunity to get into the match when she sailed a backhand passing attempt long.

ni in the third game for a 2-1 lead second seed fought off three tini.

LONDON (AP) - Imagine the athletics because of its apartheid taking in the Olympic Games and

Thompson, Steve Cram and the Britain's top stars and the rest of In what is believed to be

the track and field team could be

absent from Seoul, the first

boycott-free Olympic Games for

12 years that will bring together

sports but of course athletics is

the centerpiece," said Charles

Palmer, chairman of the British

Olympic Association. "I am not

about to decide to impose a deci-

sion on the BAAB. I want to give

them time to sort their thoughts

council Saturday, the Interna-

tional Amateur Athletic Federa-

tion (IAAF) asked the BAAB to

ban Budd for at least 12 months,

(using it in a major risks going down

when a major-suit game might

make), with no stoppers in the out-

side suits. Its orphan cousin also

shows the long minor suit, but tends

to show stoppers in one or two of the three outside suits as well. Pro-

ponents of the first method claim

that, if you promise some side

strength, the partner of the opening

bidder never knows what to do be-

cause he doesn't know whether his

stoppers guard the unbid suit or du-

North-South here were employ-

ing the latter method. When the de-

fenders know that declarer has

seven fast tricks in one suit and per-

haps one or two on the side, it is es-

sential for them to get their tricks

immediately. As a rule, they cannot

afford to develop a long suit and

hope to gain the lead in time to run

that suit. Therefore, all you know

about opening leads should be

thrown out of the window in favor

of finding a killing lead. As a rule of

thumb, lay down an ace on opening

lead to get a look at dummy so that

you can decide what plan of cam-

the ace of clubs with dramatic re-

sults. The defenders recied in the

first eight tricks for a fortuitous

Janitchke did just that—he led

paign you wish to adopt.

plicate opener's.

At a meeting of its 23-member

"There are 23 other Olympic

the cream of world athletics.

If the BAAB says no, then next March.

'Imagine Seoul without stars'

break points to hold for 4-2 and never looked back.

Navratilova, who last week beat Sabatini in three sets in a clay-court final, speculated that Sabatini may have suffered a letdown after beating Graf.

"I didn't give her a chance to get set up on the points and get into the match. She probably had some mental fatigue from having such a big win," said Navratilova. who collected \$60,000. Sabatini said she was simply

blitzed by Navratilova. "I think I was a little tight (from the three-set win over Graf). But Martina is playing Navratilova then broke Sabati- great. She started putting press-

ure on me from the beginning, and after each held serve, the and I couldn't react," said Suba-

the World Track Championships

athletics, the IAAF gave British

officials 30 days to respond. The

BAAB said it would announce its

next move at a meeting in Lon-

Budd was suspended in the in-

terim, said that if it was not

satisfied with the BAAB's uc-

exercising its suspensive powers."

expelled from IAAF mem-

bership, and all this country's

track and field athletes being

barred from appearing anywhere

Palmer said his association at

this stage could not contemplate

sending a team to Seoul without

its athletics squad. But he de-

clined to take sides over the Budd

affair, saying both the IAAF and

"Until the BAAB makes its

"The BOA has always upheld

the BAAB could be in the right.

decision, it does not have any

effect on us at the moment,

the principle of governing bodies

complying with the rules of the

organisation of which they are a

GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Your communication skills will be

unusually keen today, especially

where a loved one is concerned, so

use this to your advantage. Instead

of being such a dreamer all the time.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be

sure you don't take any risks where

your credit is concerned. A financial

expert can give you excellent advice

on how to organize your budget.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Although financial matters seem to

be working well, be sure you know

exactly where you are headed. Get

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21)

You know what you want of a per-

sonal nature, but you have to first

get the support and information

necessary to achieve this good.
MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to

Jul. 21) Contact good friends who

know your ambitions and can be

helpful to you in attaining them.

Improve your social standing. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Don't

rush into any commitments before

you have the information needed to

make a wise decision. Be sure you

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A

powerful acquaintance can help you

drive with the utmost care.

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55 Calabria coin

56 Effective key

53 Lacerate

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70 Part of a

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From the Carroll Righter Institute

tions, it would have to "consider

That would mean Britain being

The council, which ruled that

don Sunday.

in the world.

Palmer said.

member."

unprecedented move in world

offered earlier this year to give up his medal. Several officials resigned in the wake of the National Olympic Committee's

The IAAF council, overriding the federation's own rules, voted manimously to give the medal to Myricks after hearing a report on the case from a special six-member panel, a federation spokesman said.

"The matter was reviewed,

Italian track officials, anxious to get a medal for a member of the home team, set the measurement for a distance good enough to gain third place before Evangelisti made bis final jump and recorded that measurement as the result, the Italian Olympic report said.

to attain a long sought after goal.
An out of town problem can be

handled quite easily at this time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A co-

worker can help you to skillfully

handle a difficult responsibility.

Take your mate out for some fun

tonight, and renew your spirits. SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) If

you are efficient at your job. you

can make a fine impression on your

employer. Take it easy at home

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Seek advice from a superior on

how you can better focus your

energy to gain more prosperity, then follow advice given to you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

If you adopt a more kind attitude

toward others, you will get much

better results. Be sure to find out

the cost of amusements in advance.

Don't allow a family member to throw you off-schedule or cause you

to lose your temper. Don't renege

family, make the arrangements ear-

ly so all will go smoothly. Friends

can belp you solve a problem

on a promise to a co-worker.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)

tonight, and get plenty of rest.

### At last American gets bronze medal

LONDON (AP) — American Larry Myricks was given the bronze medal from the long jump in last summer's World Track Championships Monday as leaders of the sport said they had "serious doubts" about the leap that originally took third

Giovanni Evangelisti of Italy was stripped of the bronze medal by the International Amaterur Athletic Federation's ruling council. An earlier IAAF investiga-

tion said it found no evidence of wrongdoing in the case. The international federation oversees the World Championships. The latest action followed findings by the Italian National

Olympic Committee that judges at the World Track and Field Championships in Rome last September gave Evangelisti credit for a distance he never made on his sixth and final

The athelte was absolved of any blame in the case but of the Italian track federation, including it's No. 2 officer. report last month.

the competition, and serious doubts had arisen over the sixth jump," Paul Frazer, the spokesman, said. "As a result, the sixth jump has been ignored and the result adjusted."

### **NBA STANDINGS**

NEW YORK (R) — Standings of National Basketball Association (NBA) teams after Sunday's games:

### Eastern Conference

	W	L-	Pct.	GB
Y-Boston Celties	55	23	.705	_
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X-Milwaukee Bucks	40	38	.513	
Cleveland Cavaliers	39	40	.494	
New York Knicks	37	42	.468	1812
Washington Bullets	37		.468	
Indiana Pacers	36	42	.462	19
Philadelphia 76ers		44		
New Jersey Nets	18	61	.228	371/2
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X-Los Angeles Lakers	58	20	.744	_
X-Denver Nuggets	52	27	.658	632

Western Conference				
X-Los Angeles Lakers X-Denver Nuggets X-Dallas Mavericks X-Portland Trail Blazers X-Houston Rockets X-Utah Jazz X-Seattle Supersonics San Antonio Spurs Phoenix Suns Sacramento Kings Golden State Warriors Los Angeles Clippers X-Clinched playoff berth Y-Clinched division title	58 52 50 50 45 43 42 30 27 22 20 17	20 27 28 28 33 35 36 48 51 57 58 61	.744 .658 .641 .641 .577 .551 .538 .385 .346 .278 .256 .218	

### **BASEBALL STANDINGS**

NEW YORK (R) — Major league baseball standings after Sunday's games:

> American League Eastern Division

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Houston Astros	8	3	.727		
Los Angeles Dodgers	8	4	.667	1/2	
Cincinnati Reds	7	5	.583		
San Francisco Giants	7	5	.583	11/2	
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# Juventus topples Napoli 3-1

ROME (R) - Welsh international Ian Rush shrugged off his indifferent form and helped Juventus topple Diego Maradona's Italian League leaders Napoli 3-1 in Turin Sunday.

Defending champions Napoli stay top but had their lead cut to two points after second-placed AC Milan gained a hard-fought 2-0 victory at Roma, to step up their title challenge.

Rush, much criticised for his poor performance in his first season at Juventus, burst into the game with a powerful close-range goal in the 68th minute that showed he had lost none of his unforgiving finishing skills.

The Welsh striker also set up his club's third goal in the 75th minute, passing to Dane Michael Laudrup, who was tripped in the area. Luigi de Agostini converted the penalty.

Juventus, once the giants of Italian soccer with 22 League titles behind them but now desperately seeking a place in European competition next season, took the lead with surprising ease in the 19th minute through World Cup veteran Antonio Cabrini.

Cabrini, the captain who was with Juventus in their all-conquering days, headed home from a corner, but was sent off towards the end of the match for arguing with the referee.

The Turin team, playing in front of a capacity crowd, stay ated, with Milan's Angelo Colseventh in the League, 14 points ombo and Roberto Policano behind the leaders.

Cup captain Maradona playing a booked in the 57th and Giuseppe got a consolation goal in the 83rd minute through Brazilian Careca after a piece of virtuoso footwork their own fans after the interval by Maradona.

Milan scored through Antonio Virdis in the 25th minute and Daniele Massaro in the 72nd. Dutch striker Marco van Basten, tina. who returned to Milan only last until the 72nd minute.



#### Ian Rush

The second half became hecautioned in the 56th minute, Napoli, with Argentine World Roma's Lionello Manfredonia fine game but failing to score Giannini forced to leave the pitch from his favourite free-kick shots, in the 69th with a knee injury.

Milan City rivals Internazionale, booed off the pitch by for their soporific performance, came alive in the second half and promptly scored three goals in their home game against Fioren-

Sunday's matches had earlier Sunday after five months away been threatened by a national through injury, did not come on player's strike, but it was called off Wednesday.

# Penarol beats Porto

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — on a field covered by a thick coat Uruguay's Penarol Sunday beat of snow that made it impossible Porto of Portugal 4-3 on penalties to control the ball, many thought after regulation time ended 0-0 in Sunday's game would be the real a rematch of their Intercon- test to see who was the better tinental Cup clash last year in team. Tokyo.

The Portuguese team defeated Penarol 2-1 in Tokyo last December, in a game played on a field covered by snow. Porto claimed the cup, which is recognised as the World Club Championship.

Ricardo Viera, Mario da Silva, Carlos Herrera and Daniel Rivero scored the first four penalty kicks for Penarol, while Uruguayan goalkeeper Oscar Ferrero stopped a shot by Celso, the first Porto player to face him, and Sousa's kick hit the bar. The Portuguese players who

scored were Raudnei, Semedo and Placido.

Since the Tokyo game was played under sloppy conditions,

However, the poor conditions of the Newark field also played a major role in the game Sunday. "The grass was very uneven

and the field had lots of holes. It wasn't easy make plays," according to Penarol midfielder Viera, one of the best players of the game. "That's why we decided to go for the long ball," he said.

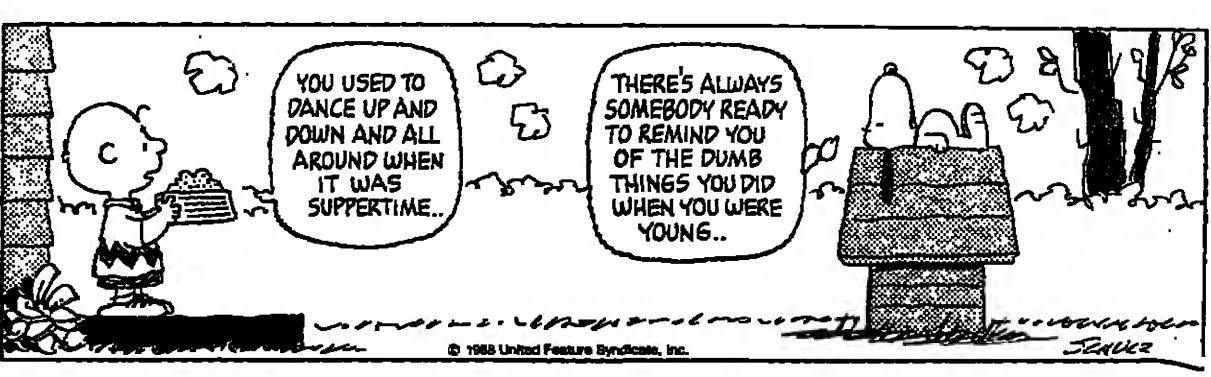
# Long passes

Most of Penarol's attacks came through long passes. In two occasions, left winger Jorge Cabrera received long passes alone in the penalty area, but both times he failed to stop the ball and missed good chances to score.

#### **Peanuts** PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If you are planning a trip with your

San Diego Padres

Atlanta Braves



# Mutt'n' Jeff







# **Andy Capp**

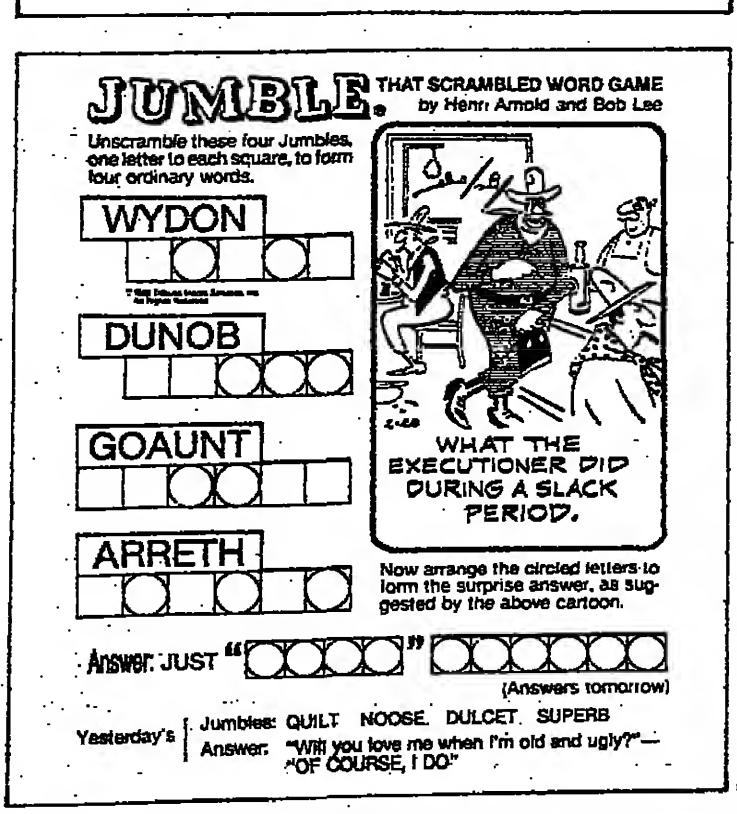




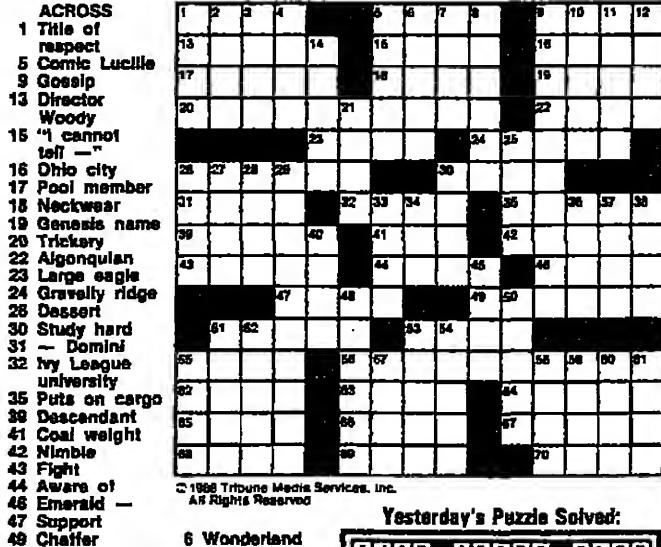




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# THE Daily Crossword by Frances Burton



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# Dukakis-Jackson battle down Afghan to the wire in New York

splash with harsh attacks on Jack-

son. On Sunday, Koch told the

ABC Broadcasting Network that

Jackson, when under stress, was

"not capable of telling the truth."

rallies in New York City.

Jackson was holding final-day

Polls by the Washington Post-

The Post-ABC poll, based on

ABC News and USA Today-

Cable News Network indicated

interviews Friday and Saturday

nights and published Monday,

showed Dukakis with 46 per cent

support, Jackson with 40 per cent

and Gore with 11 per cent. The

survey, with a margin of error of

8 percentage points, was based on

telephone interviews with 183

registered Democrats who said

they planned to vote in the

The USA Today-CNN survey

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Report: Overpopulation could

spur environmental catastrophe

developing nations which estab-

lish policies to halt environmental

destruction and to expand educa-

tional and employment opportu-

nities for women. Birth rates are

lower where women have greater

economic and social opportuni-

The report drew sharp criticism

from University of Maryland

Economist Julian Simon, who

said that while "more people

mean more problems, the history

of humanity is a history of sur-

mounting problems. New solu-

tions leave us better off than if

the original problems had never

arisen. If we had only 1 million

people on earth, we'd still be

chasing rabbits and eating berries

other doomsayers have been

wrong on every single prediction

they have made for the past two

decades," and people like Fornos

"have no sense of humour" and

"can manufacture scares faster

than you can write stories about

them" said Simon, a business

every important human trend has

improved," he said during a tele-

phone interview. "Life is longer,

health is better, all resources

have become more available

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS** 

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the race was becoming tighter.

NEW YORK (AP) — The Democratic contenders thundered into the home stretch of the New York primary campaign Monday, spurring on their supporters in a contest that could carry considerable weight in deciding which of them will win their party's presidential nomination.

"Too close to call," blared a New York Daily News headline. A poll published by the newspaper Sunday, along with other surveys, indicated Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis was ahead of Jesse Jackson, with Senator Albert Gore Jr. trailing.

But the polls suggest Dukakis' lead has narrowed, and New York Governor Mario Cuomo said he "wouldn't be surprised" by a Jackson victory. Observers said turnout could be the crucial

"The race is getting closer and turnout is the key," said New York pollster Lee Miringoff. He said a low turnout would favour Jackson, whose supporters are seen as generally being more fervent than those of the other candidates, and thus more likely to follow through and vote.

Dukakis was staging a get-outthe-vote rally in New York City Monday with cousin Olympia Dukakis, who won an Academy Award last week for her role in the movie "Moonstruck."

Gore was making a series of subway stops with a big-name backer, New York Mayor Edward Koch, who has made a

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Earth

faces environmental catastrophe

unless developing nations stem

rapid overpopulation, a popula-

tion control group said Sunday,

but a critic dismissed the report as

invalid speculation by humourless

billion, grew by an unpre-

cedented 90 million people last

year. Over the next 10 years, the

world will add another billion

people. Ninety-two per cent of

that growth is taking place in the

poorer nations of the developing

world," said the new report by

serious damage population press-

ures are doing to this planet, we

will see a 21st century that could

offer unprecedented catastrophic

consequences," Werner Fornes,

the group's president, said before

he released the report Sunday,

the start of World Population

earth's protective ozone shield, heating of the atmosphere by air

pollutants, waste and pollution of

water supplies, loss of soils and

forests, extinction of species and

other industrialised nations

should consider forgiving debts of

He said the United States and

Fornos warned of thinning of

Awareness Week.

expansion of deserts.

"Unless we wake up to the

the Population Institute.

"World population, now 5.1

doomsayers.

Sunday in a "Salute to Israel" parade. while Jackson held a meeting with community leaders that was set up by a prominent Jewish supporter. An estimated 25 per cent of New York Democrats are Jewish. and issues concerning Israel have loomed large in the primary campaign.

Dukakis heads into the New York contest with a fresh victory to his credit, in Arizona's weekend caucuses. He bested Jackson by a 3-2 margin in the Saturday contest in that southwestern state, picking up 22 delegates to Jackson's 14. Gore got

The Massachusetts governor has pulled well ahead of Jackson in the national delegate race, with 872.15 to Jackson's 738.1. Gore has 417.55. To nominate, 2,082 delegates to this summer's

national convention are needed. The New York primary, with its 255 Democratic delegates, is certain to shake things up. And afterward, the Democrats head directly into two other big-state races — the Pennsylvania primary. one week after New York's, with 178 delegates at stake, and Ohio's primary, one week later, with 159

taken Friday, Saturday and Sunday found Dukakis with 46 per On the Republican side, Vicecent support, Jackson 34 per cent President George Bush has a viranyway in Ohio Monday, with a trip to Pennsylvania scheduled Tuesday. He is likely to clinch the 1,139 delegates needed to nomin-

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He said depletion of earth's

ozone layer will increase skin

cancers and perhaps damage

crops and seafoods, while atmos-

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and cause crop failures. Defore-

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ISLAMABAD (R) — Afghan

guerrillas held the first "cabinet

meeting" of a provisional govern-

ment Monday in a move diplo-

mats described as a bid to unify

provisional government... was

held today," the Pakistan-based

Islamic Unity of Afghan Mujahi-

deen, fighting to topple the

Soviet-backed Kabul govern-

Diplomats said the wording of

ment, said in a statement.

the statement suggested that

was not an official proclamation

of a provisional government,

although it indicated such a move

proposed a transitional govern-

ment headed by U.S.-educated

engineer Ahmad Shah and said it

would be composed mainly of

guerrillas and refugees, with only

a 25 per cent share for "other

It has rejected an invitation by

President Najibullah to form a

coalition government of national

reconciliation and has vowed to

continue the nine-year-old war

Monday's statement said the

Muslims in Afghanistan."

until he is toppled.

The alliance earlier this year

"The first cabinet session of the

their seven-party alliance.

ing to the formation of the provisional government and its sundry aspects were discussed," the statement said.

A diplomat said some guerrilla leaders wanted appointments to the provisional government to be approved by their military commanders inside Afghanistan before it was proclaimed.

"The meeting shows the Mujahideen are organising themselves and sends a message that they are able to agree on their own government, something they have been unable to do for eight years," one diplomat said.

In another development. Sunday, a senior Pakistani politiciar accused President Muhammad Zia Ul Haq of seeking to nullify the U.N.-mediated Afghan set Abdul Wali Khan, leader of

the left-wing Awami National Party (ANP), told a news conference that neither Zia nor the Pakistan-based Afghan rebels wanted Soviet troops to leave Afghanistan.

They will have their stipends stopped if the Russians leave," Wali Khan said.

Wali Khan's criticism followed statements by Zia and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Zain Noorani that Islamabad would not drive out the rebels.

"This way Zia is nullifying the accord," he said.

# Italian police widen guerrillas scope of bomb enquiry NAPLES. Italy (R) — Italian a car bomb in a street alongside police believe a known Middle the mission in June 1987. No one East guerrilla worked with a was injured then. cabinet

Japanese explosives expert in the car bombing which killed five people outside a U.S. service-Thursday. Detectives in Naples told re-

porters Sunday night they had fingerprint identification of the man, who was seen near the club in the port district shortly before the bombing, but were making future checks before releasing his

Naples police sources said the suspect was known to international anti-terrorist police and was thought to belong to the Islamic Jihad group operating from Lebanon.

responsibility for the blast, which came on the second anniversary of the 1986 U.S. bombing raid on Libya, were made by groups us-

ing the name Islamic Jihad. Police last week issued an international arrest warrant for Japanese Red Army suspect Junzo Okudaira, whom they alleged planted the car bomb possibly on

behalf of a Middle East group. Okudaira, an explosives expert. is already wanted in Italy for a crude grenade attack against the U.S. embassy in Rome in and

Naples detectives have also named a second alleged Japanese Red Army guerrilla, Fusako men's club in Naples last. Shigenobu, who is wanted for questioning over the attack but they have vet to issue a warrant for her arrest.

> American FBI investigators arrived in Naples over the weekend and a Japanese anti-terrorist expert was expected in the southern Italian city Monday.

Italian police said the U.S. detectives were trying to establish whether there was a connection between the Naples bombing and the arrest in New Jersey last week of another Japanese Red Army suspect, Yu Kikumara, who was Two of the several claims of found with three bombs on the back seat of his car.

Police earlier said they thought the members of the command group had probably left Italy immediately after the bombing.

But Naples anti-terrorist police chief Romano Argenio told reporters Sunday they could still be in the country.

"They had little time to escape the country. We had Okudaira's name by midnight Thursday and informed all customs posts, airports and sea ports." Argenio

# Soviets agree INF bans exotic arms

NEW YORK (R) — The soviet Committee said in a March report Union has told the United States it agrees that the pending treaty on medium and shorter-range missiles bans futuristic weapons, the New York Times reported Monday.

The Soviet statement came in a recent letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in an apparent effort to help gain quick U.S. Senate approval of the treaty that would eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces.

According to U.S. administration officials familiar with the letter, the newspaper quoted Shevardnadze as saying:

"I would like to confirm to you once again that the Soviet side's understanding of this question is the same as that of the U.S. side. The definitive view of the Soviet elimination of intermediate-range and shorter-range missiles bans these two classes of missiles however equipped. nuclear or

any non-nuclear. The Senate Armed Services newspaper said.

it was not clear whether the accord barred possible new types of exotic weapons, such as medium-range cruise missiles that destroy their targets by laser beams or other futuristic means. instead of exploding warheads. Senator Robert Byrd. the

Democratic majority leader, said this was a major issue and he would not allow the treaty to come to the Senate floor until it was resolved. To ease Senate concerns.

Secretary of State George Shultz sought clarification of the issue when he met Shevardnadze in Geneva Thursday.

Soviet Ambassador to Washington Yuri Dubinin delivered Shevardnadze's letter Friday to the State Department. which said that Moscow agreed side is that the treaty on the with the administration's view that weapons that destroy targets by futuristic means are banned.

Senate aides say they expect the treaty to come up for floor vote in early or mid-May, the

# Contras

MANAGUA (AP) — Contra rebel leaders rejected a proposal by the Sandinista government to sign a permanent ceasefire immediately and then hold peace talks to bring an end to the more than 6-year-old war.

The rebel leaders described as "dangerous" the government plan, which was offered Sunday during the third day of ceasefire discussions, the first held in the capital of Managua since fighting broke out.

Despite the rebuff, the two sides returned to the bargaining table and talked late into the evening at the Camino Real Hotel on the outskirts of Man-

In turning down the government plan, the contras said the Sandinistas must take steps -- or at least guarantee them during a truce — to return Nicaragua to democratic, elected rule.

"We reject the Sandinista proposal because it speaks only of ceasefire and no other issues. such as the true democratisation of Nicaragua," said Adolfo Calero, head of the rebel delega-

should come about simultaneously with the process of democratising Nicaragua, and that is why the Sandinista proposal is a regression," sion," Calero said. "It is dangerous, said another

"For us, the permanent truce

contra leader, Alfredo Cesar. "It does not mention how the ceasefire will be implemented."

# Blast rocks Jewish centre in Frankfurt

FRANKFURT (AP) - A powerful bomb blast heavily damaged Frankfurt's Jewish community centre early Monday, and a city prosecutor's spokesman said a connection to the weekend assassination of Palestinian lead er Khalil Al Wazir was possible.

A second — and apparently related — bomb blast gutted the office of the Saudi Arabian Airlines and damaged nearby buildings. including the Air Canada

No one was injured, and there were no immediate claims of responsibility for the blasts, which caused several hundred thousands marks in damage.

# Convention on devil conjures up controversy, cash crisis

By Philip Pullella

TURIN, Italy — Organisers of a convention assessing Satan's impact on religious and cultural history have found that it is easier to raise hell than to raise cash.

Controversy over the attempt by a group of Turin academics and a theologian to shed a scientific light on the Prince of Darkness. and warnings of doom from local black magicians, have frightened off wary sponsors.

Organisers have been left with only a fraction of funds they

The month-long convention, planned for October and entitled Devils, Demons and Dialogues," was the brainchild of three Turin University professors, a Jesuit theologian and a public relations specialist.

The aim of the convention, which newspapers called Turin's cultural event of the year, was to study in detail how the devil and the concept of evil have influenced popular traditions, litera- by "esoteric groups seeking free ture, art, music and religion.

It was to include an exhibition in Turin's former royal palace of international art works, portraying the devil and evil as well as masks and trinkets from various cultures.

Bergman's "The Devil's Wanton' to Roman Polanski's "Rosemary's Baby" were planned, and also readings of Dante's "Inferno" and Milton's "Paradise

Operas and music with "diabolic" themes such as Gounod's "Faust" would be staged. Philosophers, psychologists, theologians and exorcists from around

the world would lecture on evil. All hell broke loose

"Everything was going fairly well," said Maria Teresa Gatti, head of a public relations firm organising the project. .

"The mayor was interested and so were the provincial and regional governments. Banks and com-

panies we sounded out for contributions asked to see more details of the plan," she said. Then, as some newspapers put

it, all hell broke loose. Antonio Craxi, brother of Italy's former prime minister Bettino Craxi and member of an Indian religious sect, was not pleased. If Turin was to sponsor the devil convention he wanted money

from the city for his own exhibi-

tion on "human values."

Turin's black magicians — who are listed in the phone book of this city, said to be a centre of the occult, sorcery and devil worship - warned that such prolonged concentration of attention to evil could conjure up and unprecedented disaster.

Local Roman Catholic church groups were not overjoyed that the convention would coincide with year-long commemorations of Turin's St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesian religious orders, and Pope John Paul's visit to Turin in September.

Gatti said the project was hurt publicity." She added: "This is an intellectual and even somewhat light-hearted attempt to discuss the devil and evil."

Sponsors were not worried about the convention's content, she said, but about the result the Films ranging from Ingmar furore has had on the image of the hard-working industrial city. home of the FIAT motor com-

> "People are now thinking three times before signing up." she said. "Banks are afraid they might lose customers."

Stimulating reaction

Father Eugenio Costa, head of Turin's Jesuit Theological Centre and one of the convention's principal organisers, was surprised by all the fuss.

"Some of those who recoiled at the idea, such as the so-called magicians, were simply upset that their view of evil was going to be questioned in an intellectual way," said Costa. A rotund, balding man with a books and movies.

jolly laugh who wears a necktie instead of a priest's collar, Costa said he now felt more of a challenge to bring the convention off in some form.

"We were caught unawares by the controversy but I feel more stimulated by all this reaction, which in a sense has been a sort of mini-convention in itself," he

Turin's Cardinal Anastasio Ballestrero, who in 1986 named six official exorcists for his diocese, asked Costa to stay in the planning group but to guard against the convention getting out of control. Gatti, Costa and other organis-

ers are now hoping the fuss will die down enough for them to seek more funds. The Turin City Council

approved a grant of about \$100,000 — less than 10 per cent of the funds organisers originally estimated would be needed. Unless more money is found the event will have to be cut back

drastically in duration and scope - perhaps a week of lectures without exhibitions, concerts, films and catalogues.

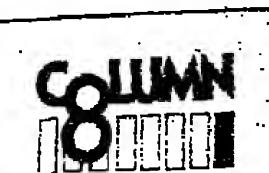
# An evil fascination

In Italy, where polls say more than 30 per cent of Catholics believe the devil exists, academic and journalistic fascination with the demon resurfaced in 1986, when the Pope warned repeatedly of Satan's perpetual crusade against good.

Since then, hardly a week has passed without talk of the devil appearing in Italian newspapers, etchings of the demon with horns and tail.

Milan's respected Corrière Della Sera recently dedicated the front page of its weekly science section to the devil.

The monthly journal Prospettive Nel Mondo (World Perspectives) ran an issue called "The Return of the Devil," including a bibliography and a filmography.



### Moscow opens up to Dali

MOSCOW (AP) — The phantasmagoric forms of Salvador Dali's work have been allowed out of their "zone of silence" and put on display for the first time in the Soviet Union. Irina A. Antonova, director of the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts where the exhibit opened over the weekend, said Dali's work and that of other surrealists had been off-limits until the "glasnost" policies of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev. "The creative work of the surrealists, including Dali to some extent, belonged to a zone of silence of such themes of art that were closed until recent times," Antonova told a news conference. The predominant ethos of Soviet art has been "socialist realism," which aims at ennobling and edifying its viewers. By contrast, Dali's works present disturbing images wrenched from the subconscious such as melting watches and deformed animals. Before Gorbachev. Soviet media blasted the Spanish artist's works as decadent and degenerate and refused to publish any reproductions of his work. "Very many blank spots in literature, art and cinematography are being opened for our audiences," she said. "And I would assume that the work of Dali now should

### Use gloves, please

be placed in that context."

BOSTON (R) — Embalmer's creams that make corpses look more lifelike can make the lives of those who apply it more miserable, according to doctors. Describing the symptoms as the "Embalmer's Curse," doctors at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston say they include impotence, a gradual loss of sex drive, shrinking testicles, reduced beard growth and enlarged breasts. Dr. Joel Finkelstein and his colleague, who found the symptoms in a 50-year-old mortician, say they believe they have also found the cause. Writing in Thursday's edition of the New England Journal of Medicine, the doctors say the chemicals used in embalming specifically the creams that help corpses look more lifelike, may contain compounds that act like the female hormone estrogen. Although the creams' manufacturer recommended that gloves be used, the mortician never did. When he stopped using the creams, the problem dissipated. The Finkelstein group says morticians should be made aware of the potential hazard and should wear gloves when using embalm-: ing creams.

# Jarre plans big

LONDON (R) — French com-

poser and electronic music wizard Jean-Michel Jarre plans to stage the world's biggest concert in London with an audience of two million people. A spokeswoman for Jarre said last week the concert would take place on Sept. 24 in the Thameside area of the Docklands, where London's derelict docks are being redeveloped as a residential and business district. Tickets for the show, which will feature new music written specially for the event, will go on sale this week, she said. The concert will cost an estimated £5 million (\$9 million) and will include a visual display visible for miles across London. Jarre, who has sold more than 32 million albums, has performed live just four times, including once in his hometown of Lyon which was attended by half the 1.2 million population of France's second largest city. Jarre, who was the first Western musician to perform in Peking in 1981, gave a record-breaking concert in Houston last April to mark the 150th anniversary of the state of Texas. More than one million people attended the two million dollar sound and light show, the largest

### Undies cleaning service cleans up

audience at a concert.

TOKYO (R) — The first personalised underwear cleaning service is cleaning up in Tokyo. Movimento Company comes to the door, takes away underwear in a discreet bag and brings it accompanied by medieval back clean for 1,500 yen (about \$12) a week: "I started the business for busy bachelors who have no time to do such things. But we have housewives and students as clients," Company Director Keisuke Nakamichi said. The company washes everybody's underwear separately so there will be no mixups. We also disinfect the machines each time. Our washing machines are cleanon where Satan could be found in er than the one you have home," Nakamachi added

# ISLAMABAD (AP) — An explosives expert was killed Sunday when a bomb exploded at an ammunition dump that blew up a

week earlier and killed 100 people, a Defence Ministry spokesman said. Four other experts lost their limbs and several others suffered minor injuries when the bomb exploded at the Ojri Camp, site of the April 10 blast that sent rockets, missiles and other weapons into the sky. The official death toll for the explosion rose to 100 Sunday when four more people died of their wounds in hospitals. More than 1,000 were injured. The army has been blowing up unexploded projectiles at the camp, between the capital, Islamabad, and its twin city, Rawalpindi.

Bomb kills explosives expert in Pakistan

# Anti-Chinese protests continue in Tibet

PEKING (R) — Underground anti-Chinese protests pare continuing in Tibet despite a police crackdown following rioting in March, according to a Tibetan newspaper report. In a front-page notice in the official Tibet Daily, dated April 7 but reaching Peking only Monday, Lhasa police warned pro-independence activists to halt "all illegal activities." Some "criminals" had given themselves up to police and won lenient treatment since the riot. the notice said. "But there is still a very small minority of splittists who will not accept defeat and who continue to plot, engage in secret activities, stick up posters, spread reactionary slogans... and commit destructive acts," the notice said. It added: "Anyone... who carries out separatist activities will be suppressed. The organs of the People's Democratic dictatorship will severely punish criminals who make plots and take part in riots. If they do not heed warnings, they themselves will be responsible for

# ETA claims worst attack this year

consequences."

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (R) — The Basque separatist group ETA claimed responsibility Sunday night for shooting dead two policemen last Friday in its worst attack this year. ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) said in a statement it carried out the attack in which the policemen were shot several times in the head after being lured to a bar in the Basque capital of Vitoria. A passerby was wounded in the incident. The president of the Basque autonomous government, Jose Antonio Ardanza, said at the policemen's funeral that no one could now believe ETA's offers of a truce to accompany talks for a peaceful solution. "These attacks take all credibility from ETA's offers of negotiations. If they have to be accompanied by deaths and kidnaps. nobody can believe them anymore. With these acts, they do not really want a peaceful solution," he said.

# Mao statue torn down at Peking University

PEKING (AP) — Workmen at Peking University have demolished a four-storey statue of Mao Tse-Tung, the tarnished and increasingly ignored founder of Communist China. The statue of chairman Mao in front of the main library was one of the largest in the nation. It stood at China's most prestigious college as a symbol of the 1966-76 cultural revolution started by leftist students with Mao's backing. Workers were seen dismantling the concrete statue under bright lights late Saturday night. It had been covered by scaffolding and plastic sheeting for more than a week, a U.S. student said. Early Sunday morning, the mammoth Mao was sawed off at the feet and came toppling down, leaving a large dent on the pavement, the student said. A smaller statue just inside the campus's west gate was also destroyed, leaving only the pedestals and some rubble. An official of the University Foreign Affairs Office, Li Yansong, said Monday the statue was being removed because it had weathered badly since students and teachers built it in 1967 at the height of the cultural revolution. Artists had been invited to design a smaller statue to be placed inside the University library, he said,

# Nkomo named to top ruling party post

HARARE, Zimbabwe (R) - President Robert Mugabe, moving cautiously to implement a unity accord with the country's former chief opposition party, has named veteran opposition leader Joshua Nkomo to a top ruling party post. Nkomo was appointed interim second vice-president Sunday following a pact signed by Mugabe and the opposition chief last December to merge their two parties which had been fierce rivals since independence in 1980. "We now have two deputy presidents to assist me and this structure is still an interim one until we are fully integrated," Mugabe told a news conference in Harare on the eve of Zimbabwe's eighth independence anniversary.

# Peru guerrillas bomb U.S.-financed institute

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Pro-Cuban guerrillas bombed two offices of a U.S.-financed cultural exchange institute, police said Sunday. No injuries were reported. Pamphlets of the Tupac Amaru revolutionary movement were found outside the offices of the Peruvian-American Cultural Institute in downtown Lima and the upper-class suburb of Miraflores late Saturday night, police said. The pamphlets said the bombings were in reprisal for U.S. bombings against Libya in April 1986. In the downtown attack shortly before midnight Saturday. 1.8 kilogrammes of dynamite destroyed the metalic door of the institute, broke windows and damaged desks and typewriters in the main hall of the building. A bank beside the building also was damaged. In Miraflores, the explosion destroyed the windshields of 20 cars.